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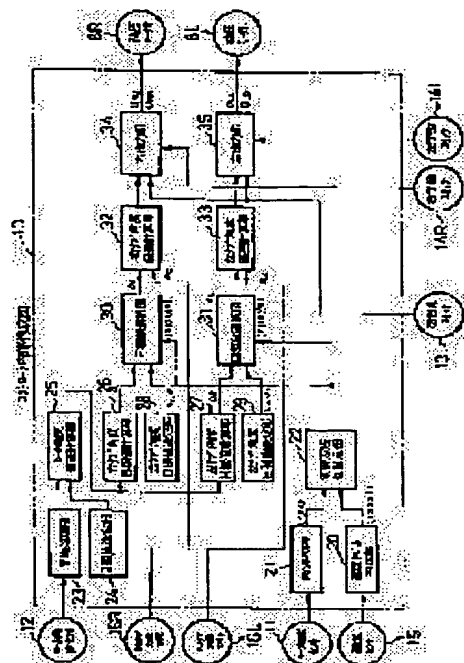
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(54) AUTOMATIC ATTITUDE CONTROL DEVICE FOR SHIP

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To automatically control the attitude efficiently and with high accuracy according to the navigating condition of a ship.

CONSTITUTION: An automatic attitude control device comprises a trim tab, a controller 10, driving means 8R, 8L for changing the angle of the trim tab, a roll angle sensor 12, a yaw angle signal sensor 11, a speed sensor 15 and trim tab angle sensors 16R, 16L, wherein the controller 10 determines the navigating condition of a ship from a yaw angle signal and a speed signal, and controls the angle of the trim tab in response to a roll angle signal and a trim tab angle signal according to the navigating condition.



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] Automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel characterized by providing the following A roll angle sensor which outputs a roll angle signal according to a roll angle of a hull A driving means which changes an angle of a trim tab according to an output signal which connects with a sensor, a speed sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, a trim tab which controls a position of a hull, a controller which outputs a signal according to NAV conditions from said sensor, and this controller whenever [yaw angle / which outputs a signal whenever / yaw angle / according to whenever / yaw angle / of a hull], and is sent from a controller

[Claim 2] Automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel characterized by providing the following A roll angle sensor which outputs a roll angle signal according to a roll angle of a hull The driving means which changes the angle of a trim tab according to the output signal which connects with a sensor, a speed sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, a trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an angle signal according to an actuation angle of a trim tab, the trim tab which controls a position of a hull, the controller which outputs a signal according to NAV conditions from said sensor, and this controller whenever [yaw angle / which outputs a signal whenever / yaw angle / according to whenever / yaw angle / of a hull], and is sent from a controller

[Claim 3] It is automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel which is equipped with the following and characterized by said controller controlling an angle of said trim tab by said roll angle signal and said trim-tab angle signal according to a NAV condition while judging a NAV condition of a ship from a signal and said speed signal whenever [said yaw angle]. A trim tab which controls a position of a hull A controller which outputs a signal according to NAV conditions A driving means which changes an angle of a trim tab according to an output signal which connects with this controller and is sent from a controller A roll angle sensor which outputs a roll angle signal according to a roll angle of a hull, a speed sensor which outputs a speed signal, corresponding to a signal sensor and vessel speed whenever [yaw angle / which outputs a signal whenever / yaw angle / according to whenever / yaw angle / of a hull], and a trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an angle signal according to an actuation angle of a trim tab

[Claim 4] Automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel characterized by providing the following. A trim tab which controls a position of a hull A controller which outputs a signal according to NAV conditions A driving means which changes an angle of a trim tab according to an output signal which connects with this controller and is sent from a controller A roll angle sensor which outputs a roll angle signal according to a roll angle of a hull, Whenever [yaw angle / which outputs a signal whenever / yaw angle / according to whenever / yaw angle / of a hull] A sensor, It consists of a speed sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and a trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an angle signal according to an actuation angle of a trim tab. The rate-of-change count section which said controller considers a signal as an input whenever [said yaw angle], and outputs a rate-of-change signal whenever [yaw angle], The velocity level judging section which considers a speed signal as an input and outputs a

speed level signal, The average processing section which has the control method change section which considers a rate-of-change signal and said speed level signal as an input whenever [said yaw angle], judges a NAV condition, and outputs a control change signal, and equalizes said roll angle signal, and outputs a signal whenever [heel-angle], Whenever [heel-angle / which considers / whenever / heel-angle / a desired value signal as an input whenever / signal and heel-angle / and outputs a deflection signal whenever / heel-angle] The deflection count section, The tab angle desired value count section which considers a deflection signal as an input whenever [heel-angle], and calculates desired value of a trim-tab angle, The desired value selection section which has the tab angle desired value setting-out section which has set up a target trim-tab angle beforehand, chooses tab angle desired value with said control method change signal further, and outputs tab angle desired value, The output section which considers as an input a tab angle deflection signal and a tab angle deflection signal which consider tab angle desired value and a trim-tab angle signal as an input, and calculate tab angle deflection, and outputs a driving signal

[Claim 5] claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, or automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 4 — it is — said controller — each of said sensor signal — an input — carry out — NAV conditions — respond — whenever [heel angle] — control and turning tense — a bow — the automatic attitude control equipment of the marine vessel characterize by to output desired value which chose control whenever [in a relief condition / angle of trim], and was determined in each control method.

[Claim 6] It is automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel characterized by being automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 5, and for control judging [whenever / said heel-angle] a NAV condition with a signal and said speed signal whenever [said yaw angle], and controlling an angle of said trim tab by signal and said trim-tab angle signal whenever [heel-angle].

[Claim 7] Automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel characterized by controlling a trim tab to desired value set up beforehand when it is automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 5, a NAV condition is judged from a signal and said speed signal whenever [said yaw angle] and it is judged as the time of turning.

[Claim 8] automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 5 — it is — — said bow — automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel characterized by for control judging a NAV condition from said speed signal, and controlling a trim tab to desired value set up beforehand whenever [in a relief condition / angle-of-trim].

[Claim 9] It is automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel characterized by being claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 8, and for said roll angle detecting angular velocity of the roll direction of a hull with an oscillating gyroscope, and integrating with and computing said angular velocity.

[Claim 10] It is automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel characterized by being claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 8, and for said roll angle detecting acceleration of the roll direction of a hull with an accelerometer, and computing a tilt angle of said hull based on said acceleration.

[Claim 11] It is automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel characterized by being claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 8, and said roll angle detecting a tilt angle of the roll direction of a hull with an inclinometer.

[Claim 12] It is claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 8, and whenever [said yaw angle] detects relative bearing of a hull with a magnetometric sensor, and is characterized by outputting this as whenever [yaw angle]. Automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel [Claim

13] Automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel which is automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 5, has a device which controls said trim tab automatically, and a device driven with hand control, and is characterized by being switchable to

arbitration in this automatic and hand control.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Industrial Application] This invention relates to the automatic attitude control equipment of the marine vessel which controls the angle of a trim tab automatically in order to stabilize the position of marine vessels, such as a motorboat.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] As automatic attitude control equipment of the conventional marine vessel, there are some which were shown, for example in JP,3-82697,A and JP,3-114996,A.

[0003] The thing of JP,3-82697,A is a configuration which similarly controls a trim-tab angle according to the output of a sensor and a roll angle sensor whenever [torque-sensor / which detects the amount of control /, and helix-angle / which detects the position of a hull according to the output of the speed sensor which detects vessel speed].

[0004] In JP,3-114996,A, it has composition which similarly controls a trim-tab angle according to the output of a sensor and a roll angle sensor whenever [helix-angle / which detects the position of a hull].

[0005]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] However, the thing given in JP,3-82697,A did not detect the position of a hull itself, but determined the angle of a trim tab uniquely that a bow will not come floating according to vessel speed at the time of abbreviation rectilinear propagation, and since it had become the configuration which controls the angle of a trim tab so that the heel (heel angle) of a hull might be made to ease according to amounts of control at the time of the reliance rudder operation by the time of turning, a cross wind, etc., it had caused the following problems.

[0006] ** A heel and rolling cannot be thoroughly prevented at the time of abbreviation rectilinear propagation.

[0007] ** Since it becomes the factor which loses the travelling-figure balance of a ship, it is not effective to control a trim-tab angle regardless of the position of the hull before turning steering and under turning steering at the time of turning.

[0008] Moreover, controlling a trim tab in the direction which reduces the inner dip which is an effective position for originally resisting a centrifugal force (lateral acceleration) at the time of turning increases the lateral acceleration which crew feels, and it may give crew sense of incongruity.

[0009] Although a thing given in JP,3-114996,A, on the other hand, also has the composition which detects whenever [helix-angle], and the roll angle showing the position of a ship itself, is the configuration which controls a trim-tab angle, gives and carries out the comparison operation of whenever [aim helix-angle], and the aim roll angle further, and controls a trim-tab angle and control of a roll angle and whenever [helix-angle] was always performing regardless of the NAV condition of a ship, there were the following problems.

[0010] ** Since change or rudder angle change is not detected whenever [yaw angle / of a ship], turning steering for course modification will not be able to be detected and it will be

controlled in the direction which reduces inner dip too at the time of turning.

[0011] ** Since the oscillation angle is always controlled, the load of the actuators (a motor, oil hydraulic cylinder, etc.) which drive a trim tab becomes high.

[0012] Then, this invention is doubled with the NAV condition of a ship, and aims at efficient and offer of the automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel which can perform attitude control of high degree of accuracy.

[0013]

[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to solve the above-mentioned technical problem invention of claim 1 A roll angle sensor which outputs a roll angle signal according to a roll angle of a hull, Whenever [yaw angle / which outputs a signal whenever / yaw angle / according to whenever / yaw angle / of a hull] A sensor, A speed sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and a trim tab which controls a position of a hull, a controller which outputs a signal according to NAV conditions from said sensor, and a driving means which changes an angle of a trim tab according to an output signal which connects with this controller and is sent from a controller — since — it is characterized by becoming.

[0014] A roll angle sensor to which invention of claim 2 outputs a roll angle signal according to a roll angle of a hull, Whenever [yaw angle / which outputs a signal whenever / yaw angle / according to whenever / yaw angle / of a hull] A sensor, A speed sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and a trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an angle signal according to an actuation angle of a trim tab, It connects with a trim tab which controls a position of a hull, a controller which outputs a signal according to NAV conditions from said sensor, and this controller, and is characterized by consisting of a driving means which changes an angle of a trim tab according to an output signal sent from a controller.

[0015] A trim tab by which invention of claim 3 controls a position of a hull, and a controller which outputs a signal according to NAV conditions, A driving means which changes an angle of a trim tab according to an output signal which connects with this controller and is sent from a controller, A roll angle sensor which outputs a roll angle signal according to a roll angle of a hull, Whenever [yaw angle / which outputs a signal whenever / yaw angle / according to whenever / yaw angle / of a hull] A signal sensor, It consists of a speed sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and a trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an angle signal according to an actuation angle of a trim tab. Said controller is characterized by controlling an angle of said trim tab by said roll angle signal and said trim-tab angle signal according to a NAV condition while it judges a NAV condition of a ship from a signal and said speed signal whenever [said yaw angle].

[0016] A trim tab by which invention of claim 4 controls a position of a hull, and a controller which outputs a signal according to NAV conditions, A driving means which changes an angle of a trim tab according to an output signal which connects with this controller and is sent from a controller, A roll angle sensor which outputs a roll angle signal according to a roll angle of a hull, Whenever [yaw angle / which outputs a signal whenever / yaw angle / according to whenever / yaw angle / of a hull] A sensor, It consists of a speed sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and a trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an angle signal according to an actuation angle of a trim tab. The rate-of-change count section which said controller considers a signal as an input whenever [said yaw angle], and outputs a rate-of-change signal whenever [yaw angle], The velocity level judging section which considers a speed signal as an input and outputs a speed level signal, The average processing section which has the control method change section which considers a rate-of-change signal and said speed level signal as an input whenever [said yaw angle], judges a NAV condition, and outputs a control change signal, and equalizes said roll angle signal, and outputs a signal whenever [heel-angle], Whenever [heel-angle / which considers / whenever / heel-angle / a desired value signal as an input whenever / signal and heel-angle / and outputs a deflection signal whenever / heel-angle] The deflection count section, The tab angle desired value count section which considers a deflection signal as an input whenever [heel-angle], and calculates desired value of a trim-tab angle, The desired value selection section which has the tab angle desired value setting-out section which has set up a target trim-tab angle beforehand, chooses tab angle desired value

with said control method change signal further, and outputs tab angle desired value, It is characterized by having the output section which considers as an input a tab angle deflection signal and a tab angle deflection signal which consider tab angle desired value and a trim-tab angle signal as an input, and calculate tab angle deflection, and outputs a driving signal.

[0017] invention of claim 5 — claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, or automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 4 — it is — said controller — said each sensor signal — an input — carry out — NAV conditions — respond — whenever [heel angle] — control and turning tense — a bow — control is choose whenever [in a relief condition / angle of trim], and it is characterize by output desired value determined in each control method.

[0018] Invention of claim 6 is automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 5, and whenever [said heel-angle], control judges a NAV condition with a signal and said speed signal whenever [said yaw angle], and is characterized by controlling an angle of said trim tab by signal and said trim-tab angle signal whenever [heel-angle].

[0019] Invention of claim 7 is automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 5, and it is characterized by controlling a trim tab to desired value set up beforehand, when a NAV condition is judged from a signal and said speed signal and it is judged as the time of turning whenever [said yaw angle].

[0020] invention of claim 8 — automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 5 — it is — said bow — it is characterized by for control judging a NAV condition from said speed signal, and controlling a trim tab to desired value set up beforehand whenever [in a relief condition / angle-of-trim].

[0021] Invention of claim 9 is claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 8, and said roll angle detects angular velocity of the roll direction of a hull with an oscillating gyroscope, and is characterized by integrating with and computing said angular velocity.

[0022] Invention of claim 10 is claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 8, and said roll angle detects acceleration of the roll direction of a hull with an accelerometer, and is characterized by computing a tilt angle of said hull based on said acceleration.

[0023] Invention of claim 11 is claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 8, and said roll angle is characterized by detecting a tilt angle of the roll direction of a hull with an inclinometer.

[0024] Invention of claim 12 is claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 8, and whenever [said yaw angle] detects relative bearing of a hull with a magnetometric sensor, and is characterized by outputting this as whenever [yaw angle].

[0025] Invention of claim 13 is automatic attitude control equipment of a marine vessel according to claim 5, has a device which controls said trim tab automatically, and a device driven with hand control, and is characterized by being switchable to arbitration in this automatic and hand control.

[0026]

[Function] According to invention of claim 1 of the above-mentioned means, the roll angle of a hull, and whenever [yaw angle], based on vessel speed, a driving means can be controlled by the controller and the angle of a trim tab can be changed.

[0027] According to invention of claim 2, the roll angle of a hull, and whenever [yaw angle], based on the angle of vessel speed and a trim tab, a controller can control a driving means, and the angle of a trim tab can be changed.

[0028] According to invention of claim 3, whenever [yaw angle], from a signal and a speed signal, the NAV condition of a ship can be judged and the angle of a trim tab can be controlled by the roll angle signal and the trim-tab angle signal according to a NAV condition.

[0029] According to invention of claim 4, input rate of change and a velocity level whenever [yaw angle], and a NAV condition is judged. Deflection is calculated [whenever / heel-angle / which enabled the change of the control method based on the judgment of this NAV condition, and equalized the roll angle signal / whenever / signal and heel-angle] whenever [heel-angle]

with a desired value signal. The desired value of a trim-tab angle is calculated by considering a deflection signal as an input whenever [this heel-angle]. Moreover, a target trim-tab angle is set up beforehand, tab angle desired value is further chosen with the control method change signal, tab angle desired value is outputted, tab angle deflection can be calculated by the ability to input tab angle desired value and a trim-tab angle signal, and a driving signal can be outputted.

[0030] according to invention of claim 5 — a NAV condition — responding — whenever [heel-angle] — control and turning tense — a bow — the trim-tab angle control in a relief condition can be chosen, and the desired value determined in each control method can be outputted.

[0031] According to invention of claim 6, from a signal and a speed signal, a NAV condition can be judged, the angle of a trim tab can be controlled by the signal and the trim-tab angle signal whenever [heel-angle], and it can control [whenever / yaw angle] whenever [heel-angle].

[0032] According to invention of claim 7, when a NAV condition is judged and it is judged as the time of turning from a signal and a speed signal whenever [yaw angle], a trim tab can be set as the desired value set up beforehand.

[0033] According to invention of claim 8, a NAV condition can be judged with a speed signal and a trim tab can be controlled to the desired value set up beforehand.

[0034] According to invention of claim 9, a roll angle can be computed by the ability for an oscillating gyroscope to detect the angular velocity of the roll direction of a hull, and integrate with angular velocity.

[0035] According to invention of claim 10, an accelerometer can detect the acceleration of the roll direction of a hull, the tilt angle of a hull can be computed based on this acceleration, and it can ask for a roll angle.

[0036] According to invention of claim 11, an inclinometer can detect the tilt angle of the roll direction of a hull, and it can ask for a roll angle.

[0037] According to invention of claim 12, a magnetometric sensor can detect the relative bearing of a hull and this can be outputted as whenever [yaw angle].

[0038] According to invention of claim 13, an automatic and hand control can be changed to arbitration and a trim tab can be controlled.

[0039]

[Example] Hereafter, the example of this invention is explained.

[0040] Drawing 1 is the general drawing of a system configuration seen from the hull upper part.

[0041] 1 is a hull, 2 is a handle and he is trying for the turning effort of a handle 2 to rock a screw 5 right and left through a wire 3. Said screw 5 which can give turning effort with an engine 4 is connected to an engine 4. He changes the direction of a thrust and is trying to make it circle in a hull by rocking a screw 5 right and left by the revolution of a handle 2.

[0042] The sensor 11, the roll angle sensor 12 which detects the oscillation angle of the longitudinal direction of a hull, and the speed sensor 15 which detects the speed of a hull are connected to a controller 10 whenever [yaw angle / which detects the deflection angle to the longitudinal direction of a bow]. In addition, a roll angle can detect the angular velocity of the roll direction to a hull with an oscillating gyroscope, and can integrate with and compute said angular velocity. Moreover, it can ask by an accelerometer's detecting the acceleration of the roll direction of a hull and computing the tilt angle of a hull based on this acceleration. Furthermore, it can ask for a roll angle by detecting the tilt angle of the roll direction of a hull with an inclinometer. Whenever [yaw angle] can detect the relative bearing of a hull with a magnetometric sensor, and can output this as whenever [yaw angle].

[0043] He is trying to input into a controller 10 Signal omega, and the roll angle signal phi detected by the roll angle sensor 12 and the speed signal upsilon detected by the speed sensor 15, respectively whenever [yaw angle / which was detected by the sensor 11 whenever / said yaw angle].

[0044] Moreover, the manually-operated switch (14R for right trim tabs, 14L for left trim tabs) for operating manually the transfer switch 13 and trim tabs 6R and 6L which switch whether the angle sensor (16R for right trim tabs, 16L for left trim tabs) which detects the angle of trim tabs 6R and 6L, and trim tabs 6R and 6L are controlled automatically, or it operates manually is

connected to a controller 10.

[0045] Furthermore, the controller 10 is connected with the battery 9 through an electric power switch 17. When an electric power switch 17 is OFF, it has composition which actuation of a controller 10 suspends.

[0046] The controller 10 has connected the output to the driving means which changes the angle of trim tabs 6R and 6L according to the signal outputted from a controller 10.

[0047] The driving means of the trim tabs 6R and 6L of this example is constituted as follows. An output signal is embraced from a controller 10, and hydraulic motors 8R and 8L are rotated normally and reversed. According to normal rotation of hydraulic motors 8R and 8L and reversal, Cylinders 7R and 7L perform flexible motion. Trim tabs 6R and 6L are made to move up and down by flexible motion of these cylinders 7R and 7L.

[0048] Next, drawing 2 explains the internal configuration of a controller 10.

[0049] A speed signal v is first inputted into a controller 10 from said speed sensor 15, and this speed signal v is sent to the velocity level judging section 20.

[0050] The constant value $v1$ for judging a NAV condition and $v2$ ($v1$ and $v2$) are beforehand set as the interior by this velocity level judging section 20. $v1$ the bow of a ** idling condition and a ship — it is a boundary value with a relief condition. $v2$ It is the boundary value of a ***** relief condition and a plane condition. This $v1$ and $v2$ A value can be set as any value according to the NAV conditions of a ship, or the property of a hull.

[0051] In addition, a property as generally shown in drawing 3 has the relation between vessel speed and an angle of trim.

[0052] In said velocity level judging section 20, the velocity level of a ship is classified into the following three kinds by the following judgment type.

[0053]

(1) $v < v1$ (idling condition)

(2) $v1 \leq v \leq v2$ (bow relief condition)

(3) $v2 < v1$ (plane condition) — At the time of the conditions of the 1st formula (1) (1) signal is outputted to the control method change section 22.

[0054] At the time of the conditions of (2) (2) signals are outputted to the control method change section 22.

[0055] At the time of the conditions of (3) (3) signals are outputted to the control method change section 22.

[0056] Moreover, if Signal ω is inputted [whenever / said yaw angle] into a controller 10 whenever [yaw angle] from a sensor 11, Signal ω will be sent to the rate-of-change count section 21 whenever [this yaw angle].

[0057] According to Signal ω , it is [whenever / yaw angle / which was inputted in this rate-of-change count section 21] rate of change whenever [yaw angle / which is change whenever / yaw angle / for every unit time amount]. $d\omega/dt$ It calculates. And it is rate of change whenever [yaw angle / which was calculated]. $d\omega/dt$ The rate-of-change count section 21 carries out a comparison operation to constant value $d\omega_{gao}/dt$ set up beforehand, and chooses an output signal. $d\omega_{gao}/dt$ is a boundary value the NAV condition of a ship judges the time of current, rectilinear propagation, and turning to be. this — The value of $d\omega_{gao}/dt$ can be set as any value according to the NAV conditions of a ship, or the property of a hull. (**) $d\omega/dt < d\omega_{gao}/dt$ (at the time of rectilinear propagation)

(**) $d\omega/dt \geq d\omega_{gao}/dt$ (at the time of turning) — 2nd formula (b) At the time of conditions (b) A signal is outputted to the control method change section 22.

[0058] (b) At the time of ***** (b) A signal is outputted to the control method change section 22.

[0059] Instruction signal when the speed level signal from the aforementioned velocity level judging section 20 and the rate-of-change signal from the aforementioned rate-of-change count section 21 are inputted into the control method change section 22, as shown in drawing 4 in the control method change section 22 with the combination of the speed level signal and rate-of-change signal which were inputted (i) – (iii) It determines and outputs to the desired value selection sections 30 and 31.

- [0060] Change instruction signal (i) – (iii) (i) Instruction signal changed into the condition of having raised the trim tab to the top
(ii) Instruction signal which changes a trim tab into the condition of having lowered to the bottom
(iii) Instruction signal which controls whenever [heel-angle]

It means.

[0061] Namely, it is a change instruction signal (i) regardless of a judgment at the time of rectilinear propagation [in / when the velocity level of the ship in the 1st formula is judged to be an idling condition / the 2nd formula], and turning. That is, a trim tab is controlled in the condition of having raised to the top.

[0062] moreover, the velocity level in the 1st formula — a bow — when it judges with a relief condition (run state before plane shift), the change instruction signal (ii) 6R and 6L, i.e., trim tabs, is controlled in the condition of having lowered most, regardless of a judgment at the time of the rectilinear propagation in the 2nd formula, and turning.

[0063] This has the effective control which was mentioned above and which lowers a bow until it shifts to a plane condition like, and control is because there is little effectiveness whenever [rolling control-in this condition, and heel-angle].

[0064] furthermore, the case where it is judged with the time of rectilinear propagation by the 2nd formula when the velocity level in the 1st formula is judged to be a plane condition — change instruction signal (iii) namely, the case where control is judged whenever [heel-angle] to be the time of operation and turning — change instruction signal (i) That is, it controls in the condition of having raised trim tabs 6R and 6L most.

[0065] Thereby, at the time of rectilinear propagation, only a plane condition controls whenever [heel-angle] and it controls not to check the heel which is the property which a ship originally has at the time of turning.

[0066] On the other hand, the roll angle signal phi is inputted into a controller 10 from the roll angle sensor 12, and this roll angle signal phi is sent to the average processing section 23.

[0067] In this average processing section 23, from the inputted roll angle signal phi, the 3rd following formula is calculated and a moving average deviation is calculated. This moving average deviation is set to heel-angle whenever phia.

[0068]

[Equation 1]

$$\phi_{a k} = \frac{1}{n'} \sum_{i=k-n'}^k \phi_i \quad \dots \text{第3式}$$

ここで i は $(k - n')$, $(k - n' + 1)$, $(k - n' + 2)$, ..., k

$$\{K = (k - n' + n')\}$$

As for roll angle ϕ_{iak} in i event, ϕ_{iik} shows whenever [in k event / heel-angle].

[0069] ϕ_{iak} , i.e., ϕ_{iik} , is n' . It is the average of the value which ****(ed).

[0070] ϕ_i makes the right dip direction positive to a travelling direction.

[0071] ϕ_{ia} is made into an output signal whenever [heel-angle / which was calculated by the 3rd formula], and it outputs to the heel-angle deflection count section 25.

[0072] It is signal ϕ_{io} whenever [aim heel-angle / which shows whenever / aim heel-angle / which is beforehand set to this heel-angle deflection count section 25 in the desired value decision section 24 in addition to this]. It has inputted.

[0073] In this heel-angle deflection count section 25, the 4th following formula is calculated and it asks for deflection signal ϕ_{ie} whenever [heel-angle].

[0074]

$\phi_{ie} = \phi_{ia} - \phi_{io}$ — A hull makes the clockwise direction positive to a travelling direction here the

4th formula.

[0075] Deflection signal phie is outputted to the tab angle desired value count sections 26 and 27 whenever [this heel-angle].

[0076] In the tab angle desired value count section 26, whenever [heel-angle / which was inputted], after judging the positive/negative of phie based on deflection signal phie, the PID operation of the 5th formula is performed and it asks for tab angle desired value thetar of a right trim tab.

[0077]

[Equation 2]

$\phi_e \geq 0$ なら

$$\theta_r = K_p \phi_e + T_D \frac{d}{dt} \phi_e + \frac{1}{T_I} \int \phi_e dt \quad \dots \text{第5式}$$

$\phi_e < 0$ なら

$$\theta_r = 0$$

ここで、 K_p 、 T_D 、 T_I は定数である。

Whenever [heel-angle / which was inputted in the tab angle desired value count section 27], after judging the positive/negative of phie based on deflection signal phie, the following PID operation of the 6th formula is performed and it is tab angle desired value thetal of left trim-tab 6L. It asks.

[0078]

[Equation 3]

$\phi_e \geq 0$ なら

$$\theta_l = 0$$

$\phi_e < 0$ なら

$$\theta_l = - (K_p \phi_e + T_D \frac{d}{dt} \phi_e + \frac{1}{T_I} \int \phi_e dt) \quad \dots \text{第6式}$$

ここで、 K_p 、 T_D 、 T_I は定数である。

In addition, the 1st term $K_p \phi_e$ of the 6th formula gives the tab angle proportional to deflection signal phie whenever [heel-angle] to the 5th formula list. That is, the tab angle of the right or the left is enlarged, so that the absolute value of deflection signal phie is [whenever / heel-angle] large.

[0079] This 2nd term does not give the tab angle proportional to the differential value of deflection signal phie whenever [heel-angle], if this differential value is not large, it gives that much big tab angle, and it is raising the responsibility which decreases whenever [heel-angle /

of a hull].

[0080] This 3rd term gives the tab angle proportional to the integral value of deflection signal ϕ_{ie} whenever [heel-angle], and this has given the tab angle which negates the heel (whenever [heel-angle]) of the steady hull produced according to the property and external force of a hull.

[0081] Right tab angle desired value θ_{tar} called for here is outputted to the desired value selection section 30. Moreover, left tab desired value θ_{tal} It is outputted to the desired value selection section 31.

[0082] Explanation to the output signal decision of a right trim tab is given to below. The flow to the output signal decision of a left trim tab is completely the same as a right trim tab, and explanation is omitted.

[0083] Change instruction signal outputted to the aim selection section 30 from the above mentioned control method change section 22 (i) – (iii) The right tab angle desired value setting-out section 28 which set up the aim tab angle beforehand although tab angle desired value θ_{tar} outputted from the right tab angle desired value count section 26 was inputted to the aim set point θ_1 , and θ_2 It has inputted. Aim set point θ_1 It is the set point in the condition of having raised trim-tab 6R most. Aim set point θ_2 It is the set point in the condition of having lowered trim-tab 6R most.

[0084] At the desired value selection section 30, it is a change instruction signal (i). – (iii) It corresponds and is desired value θ_{tar} of a right tab angle, θ_1 , and θ_2 . It chooses. The selection response is as follows.

[0085]

change instruction signal Tab angle desired value (i) The time θ_1 Selection (ii) The time θ_2 Selection (iii) The time θ_{tar} selection — the right tab angle desired value chosen by this — $\theta_{tar} = \theta_1$ -, θ_2 , or θ_{tar}^{**} — it carries out.

[0086] Right tab angle desired value θ_{tar} chosen in the desired value selection section 30 It is outputted to the right tab angle deflection count section 32.

[0087] Tab angle desired value θ_{tar} inputted into the right tab angle deflection count section 32 Angle signal θ_{Ro} detected by trim-tab angle sensor 16R is also inputted into others.

[0088] The 7th following formula is calculated in the right tab angle deflection count section 32, and it is deviation angle whenever θ_{tae} . It asks. $\theta_{tae} = \theta_{tar} - \theta_{Ro}$ — It is θ_{tae} to the 7th formula pan. Positive/negative distinction is performed and it is deviation angle θ_{tae} . The signal which rises and brings down trim-tab 6R so that it may become zero is determined as follows.

[0089]

θ_{tae} When it is positive Down signal (ORD)

θ_{tae} When it is negative Rise signal (ORU)

This rise down signal is outputted to the right output section 34.

[0090] In the right output section 34, the change signal and the manual ringing from right manual switch 14R which rise down signal ORU or ORD determined in the right tab angle deflection count section 32 is considered as an input, and also consider an on-off signal as an output from a changeover switch 13 are inputted.

[0091] That is, he is trying to change an automatic and manual trim-tab control in the right output section 34 with the change signal inputted from a changeover switch 13.

[0092] When a changeover switch 13 is ON, it considers as an automatic, and it outputs to hydraulic-motor 8R by making into an output signal rise down signal ORD or ORU determined above.

[0093] When a changeover switch 13 is OFF, it considers as hand control, and the rise down signal determined by actuation of right manual switch 14R is outputted to hydraulic-motor 8R as an output of the right output section 34.

[0094] Although control of right trim-tab 6R was explained above, the same is said of the left trim-tab 6L.

[0095] Here, there are little increase of water pressure which starts a ship's bottom since the draft of the stern is deep until it goes into a plane condition in a planing boat, and rolling. On the

other hand, since the shift to a plane becomes slow while a riser front field of view gets worse [a bow] by subduction of the stern, when right and left take down a trim tab conventionally, actuation which lowers a bow is performed and control of the example of this invention also applies to this in the meantime.

[0096] On the other hand, in a plane condition, a draft becomes shallow and the oscillation of a ship becomes active. When rolling is compared with pitching in this condition, the pitching period is usually longer and the direction of rolling is felt sensitively. Moreover, although the effect of lowering the bow which went up too much on the structure, as for the attitude control using a trim tab is expectable, there is no effect of raising the bow which fell too much. Therefore, the attitude control in a plane condition has more effective control of rolling.

[0097] However, since a great quantity of loads will be given to a control actuator, always controlling all rolling does not tend to press down the oscillation angle (rolling) of a hull itself, and it controls the average attitude angle (this is called heel angle) by the example of this invention.

[0098] Moreover, about the invalid nature of the rolling control at the time of turning, although it is as above-mentioned, it uses that the level of rate of change differs whenever [in each / yaw angle] at the time of rectilinear propagation and turning for detection of a turning condition. That is, if the level which has rate of change whenever [yaw angle] is exceeded, it can be judged as turning.

[0099] Next, the control action of the above-mentioned controller 10 is explained based on the flow chart of drawing 9 from drawing 5 . In addition, also in this explanation, it carries out about control of right trim-tab 6R, and control of left trim-tab 6L is omitted.

[0100] First, overall control is performed like drawing 5 . That is, the change of the control method is performed in step S1. The change of this control method is said instruction signal (i). An instruction signal (ii) and instruction signal (iii) It is a change.

[0101] Tab angle count is performed at step S2. Tab angle count is performed based on detection of said roll angle sensor 12 (drawing 1).

[0102] Desired value selection is performed at step S3. Desired value selection embraces a NAV condition and is tab angle thetar, theta 1, and theta 2. It chooses.

[0103] In step S4, tab angle deflection count and an output are performed. Tab angle deflection count is selected desired value thetaR. It is calculated based on the trim-tab angle detected by trim-tab angle sensor 16R (drawing 1). An output outputs the signal of a rise or a down to hydraulic-motor 8R so that deflection may be set to 0.

[0104] Next, the details of step S1 - S4 are explained.

[0105] The change of the control method of said step S1 is performed by the routine of drawing 6 . At step S101, reading of the speed v detected by the speed sensor 15 (drawing 1) is performed first.

[0106] The judgment of a velocity level is performed at step S102. It is (1), as this judgment was performed in the velocity level judging section 20 (drawing 1) and being described above. $v < v1$ (2) $v1 \leq v \leq v2$ (3) It is carried out about $v2 < v$ and is $v < v1$. A case is (1) at step S103. Selection of a signal is performed.

[0107] $v1 \leq v \leq v2$ A case is (2) at step S104. Selection of a signal is performed.

[0108] $v2 < v$, set to step S105 and it is (3). Selection of a signal is performed.

[0109] Subsequently, reading of omega is performed whenever [yaw angle / which was detected by the sensor 11 (drawing 1) whenever / yaw angle / in step S106].

[0110] A judgment of a NAV condition is made at step S107. This decision is performed in the rate-of-change count section 21 (drawing 1), and as described above, it carries out about (b) $d\omega/dt < d\omega_0/dt$ (b) $d\omega/dt \geq d\omega_0/dt$.

[0111] In $d\omega/dt < d\omega_0/dt$, selection of a (b) signal is performed in step S108.

[0112] In $d\omega/dt \geq d\omega_0/dt$, selection of a (b) signal is performed at step S109. If these signal selections are performed, based on these signals, a judgment of speed and a NAV condition will be made in step S110. This judgment is made like said drawing 4 in the control method change section 22.

[0113] Namely, (1) And (**) and (1) And (**) and (3) It reaches, in (**), it sets to step S111, and is (i). Selection of a signal is performed.

- [0114] (2) And (**) and (2) And in (**), selection of the (ii) signal is performed in step S112.
- [0115] (3) And when it is (**), set to step S113 (iii). Selection of a signal is performed.
- [0116] These (i) A signal and (ii) signal (iii), The change of the control method can be judged with a signal. therefore, the step S114 — setting — (i) or (ii) — or (iii) it was chosen — it changes and a signal is outputted.
- [0117] Next, tab angle count of step S2 of said drawing 5 is performed by the routine of drawing 7 . In step S201, reading of detection roll angle phi is performed first. This reading is based on detection of said roll angle sensor 12 (drawing 1).
- [0118] Subsequently, count of moving average deviation phia is performed in step S202. This average processing is performed in the average processing section 23 (drawing 1). Moving average deviation phia is outputted as whenever [heel-angle], as described above.
- [0119] It sets to step S203 and is decision aim ground phio. Read in is performed. This decision aim ground phio It is based on the value beforehand determined in said desired value decision section 24 (drawing 1).
- [0120] At step S204, deflection count is performed whenever [heel-angle]. Whenever [this heel-angle], deflection count is performed in the count section 25 (drawing 1) whenever [heel-angle], and $\text{phie} = \text{phia} - \text{phio}$ is performed.
- [0121] At step S205, it is tab angle desired value thetar. Count is performed. This count is performed in the right tab angle desired value count section 26 (drawing 1), as described above.
- [0122] Next, it sets to step S206 and is tab angle thetar. An output is performed. This output is performed from the right tab angle desired value count section 26 to the desired value selection section 30.
- [0123] Desired value selection of step S3 of said drawing 5 is performed based on the routine of drawing 8 . This routine is performed by the desired value selection section 30 (drawing 1).
- [0124] It is tab angle count desired value thetar at step S301 first. Read in is performed. This desired value thetar It is based on the output from said desired value count section 26 (drawing 1).
- [0125] At step S302, it is the tab angle setting-out desired value theta 1 and theta 2. Read in is performed. This desired value theta 1 and theta 2 It is based on the output from the right tab angle desired value setting-out section 28 (drawing 1).
- [0126] It changes at step S303 and is a signal (i). (ii) (iii), Read in is performed. This read in is based on the output from said control method change section 22.
- [0127] At step S304, it changes and decision of a signal is performed. (i) It sets to step S305 and a case is desired value theta 1. Selection is performed. In (ii), it sets to step S306 and is desired value theta 2. Selection is performed. (iii) It sets to step S307 and a case is desired value thetar. Selection is performed. The these-chosen desired value theta 1, theta 2, and thetar Either is desired value thetaR. It carries out and is outputted in step S308. This output is performed from said desired value selection section 30 to the right tab angle deflection count section 32.
- [0128] The tab angle deflection count output of step S4 of said drawing 5 is performed by the routine of drawing 9 . This routine is performed by said right tab angle deflection count section 32 and the right output section 34.
- [0129] The desired value theta 1 first chosen in step S401, theta 2, and thetar Read in is performed. This read in is based on the output from the desired value selection section 30 (drawing 1).
- [0130] At step S402, read in of detected trim-tab angle thetaRO is performed. This read in is based on the output from said trim-tab angle sensor 16R (drawing 1).
- [0131] Tab angle deflection count is performed at step S403. This count performs $\text{thetae} = \text{thetaR} - \text{thetaRO}$.
- [0132] Subsequently, it sets to step 404 and is thetae. A positive/negative judging is performed. thetae When it is positive, the output of the down signal ORD is performed in step S405. thetae When it is negative, the rise signal ORU is outputted in step S406. Said hydraulic-motor 8R drives and a trim-tab angle is controlled by this output at a down or rise side.
- [0133] And decision of being thetae =0 is performed in step S407, and control will be ended if

set to 0.

[0134] Thus, according to the NAV condition of a ship, trim tabs 6R and 6L can be controlled, and efficient and the position system of high degree of accuracy can be performed automatically. Moreover, the load of hydraulic motors 8L and 8R can be made into min, and endurance and reliability can be improved.

[0135] An example of the effect by the above-mentioned example of this invention is shown in drawing 10.

[0136] Drawing 10 (a) Depressor effect is shown whenever [in every speed of a ship / heel-angle / in / for a cross wind / a carrier beam condition] at the time of rectilinear propagation.

[0137] As for a dashed line, in control by this invention example, in not controlling, the continuous line in drawing shows the case where a two-dot chain line performs rear-spring-supporter rolling control in the whole region, respectively.

[0138] It turns out to disturbance, such as a cross wind, that this invention example has depressor effect whenever [very effective heel-angle] so that clearly from these.

[0139] Moreover, since it is small, not in the degree as which human being senses displeasure but in this field, the control effect is known by that it is few, as the inclination in the field in front of non-controlled degree play NINGU of heel angle was described above.

[0140] Drawing 10 (b) The trim depressor effect by this invention is shown similarly. As for a dashed line, in control by this invention, in not controlling, the continuous line in drawing shows the case where a two-dot chain line performs rear-spring-supporter pitching control in the whole region, respectively.

[0141] the bow according to the trim inhibitory control before play NINGU by this invention example so that clearly from these — it turns out well the relief prevention effect is not only acquired, but that trim depressor effect continues after play NINGU which is trim control sheep regulatory region.

[0142] Moreover, even if it performs trim inhibitory control in a low-speed region and the maximum high-speed region, an effect is well known by that it is small.

[0143] As mentioned above, although the configuration of the above-mentioned example, control logic, the operation, and the effect were explained, this invention is not limited to the configuration and control logic of the above-mentioned example.

[0144] For example, it is a correction term for raising control precision about each 2nd term and each 3rd term in the 5th formula and the 6th formula, and it is also possible to omit one of these or both sides.

[0145] Moreover, it sets in the tab angle deflection count sections 32 and 33, and is deviation angle whenever θ_{tab} by the 7th formula. Although the rise down signal of a trim tab is outputted and driven in the output sections 34 and 35 after asking, it is also possible to drive a trim tab with the tab angle desired value itself chosen in the desired value selection sections 30 and 31.

[0146] In this case, the tab angle deflection count sections 32 and 33 and the trim-tab angle sensors 16R and 16L become omissible.

[0147] Moreover, in this configuration, a comparison operation with the roll angle after control is performed, and it cannot be overemphasized that feedback of the deflection by study etc. is possible.

[0148] It cannot be overemphasized that you may be the object which will not be limited to the object of a proper if said control is possible, and has two or more functions by one also about each sensor in an example.

[0149]

[Effect of the Invention] As mentioned above, according to invention of claim 1, control of a trim tab can be automatically controlled the roll angle of a hull, and whenever [yaw angle] according to vessel speed, and attitude control of high degree of accuracy can be automatically performed so that clearly.

[0150] According to invention of claim 2, control of a trim tab can be automatically controlled a roll angle and whenever [yaw angle] according to vessel speed and the detected trim-tab angle, and attitude control of high degree of accuracy can be performed more automatically.

[0151] According to invention of claim 3, whenever [yaw angle], from a signal and a speed signal, the NAV condition of a ship can be judged and the angle of a trim tab can be controlled by this. Therefore, it can double with the NAV condition of a ship and attitude control of efficient and high degree of accuracy can be performed automatically.

[0152] According to invention of claim 4, based on rate of change and a velocity level judging, a NAV condition can be judged whenever [yaw angle], and the control method can be changed. And tab angle desired value can be chosen with the change signal of the control method, and a driving signal can be outputted. Therefore, attitude control of high degree of accuracy can be performed more automatically.

[0153] whenever [heel-angle / which was chosen according to NAV conditions in invention of claim 5] — control and turning tense — a bow — the desired value determined in control whenever [in a relief condition / angle-of-trim] is outputted, and control according to NAV conditions can be performed accurately.

[0154] In invention of claim 6, whenever [yaw angle], from a signal and a speed signal, a NAV condition can be judged, the angle of a trim tab can be controlled with a signal and a trim-tab angle signal whenever [heel-angle], and more accurate control can be performed.

[0155] When it is judged as the time of turning according to invention of claim 7, a trim tab can be controlled to the desired value set up beforehand, and control at the time of turning can be performed more accurately.

[0156] according to invention of claim 8 — a bow — it is [whenever / angle-of-trim / in a relief condition] accurately controllable.

[0157] A roll angle can be computed by the ability for an oscillating gyroscope to detect the angular velocity of the roll direction of a hull according to invention of claim 9, and integrate with angular velocity, and exact control can be performed.

[0158] In invention of claim 10, an accelerometer detects the acceleration of the roll direction of a hull, and the tilt angle of a hull can be computed based on this acceleration, it can consider as a roll angle, and exact control can be performed.

[0159] In invention of claim 11, an inclinometer can detect the tilt angle of the roll direction of a hull, it can consider as a roll angle, and exact control can be performed.

[0160] In invention of claim 12, a magnetometric sensor detects the relative bearing of a hull, this is outputted as whenever [yaw angle], and exact control can be performed.

[0161] It is possible to correspond, also when control of a trim tab can be changed to an automatic and hand control at arbitration, and can be performed in invention of claim 13 and automatic control breaks down.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is structure-of-a-system drawing which looked at the hull which applied the example of this invention from the upper part.

[Drawing 2] It is the block diagram of the controller concerning one example of this invention.

[Drawing 3] It is the graph which shows the general relation between the vessel speed of a ship, and whenever [angle-of-trim].

[Drawing 4] It is the chart showing the control pattern concerning one example of this invention.

[Drawing 5] It is an overall flow chart concerning one example of this invention.

[Drawing 6] It is a flow chart concerning the change of the control method.

[Drawing 7] It is a flow chart concerning tab angle count.

[Drawing 8] It is a flow chart concerning desired value selection.

[Drawing 9] It is a flow chart concerning a tab angle deflection count output.

[Drawing 10] It is the graph which takes effect.

[Description of Notations]

1 Hull

2 Handle

3 Wire

4 Engine

5 Screw

6R, 6L Trim tab

7R, 7L Cylinder (driving means)

8R, 8L Hydraulic motor (driving means)

10 Controller

11 It is Sensor whenever [Yaw Angle].

12 Roll Angle Sensor

13 Transfer Switch

14R, 14L Trim-tab manually-operated switch

15 Speed Sensor

16R, 16L Trim-tab angle sensor

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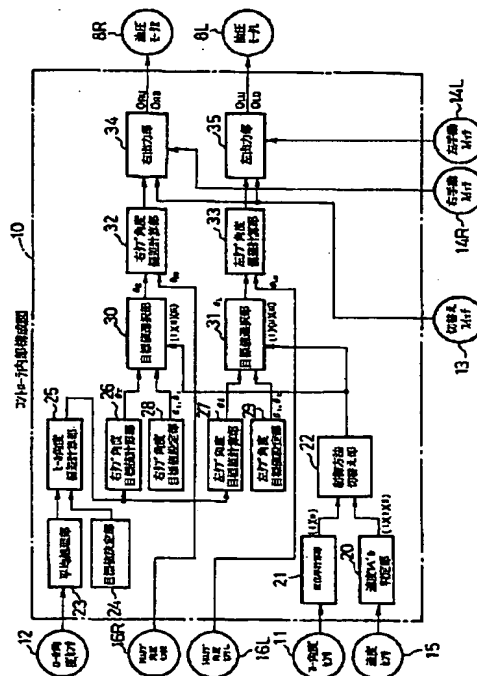
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(54) 【発明の名称】 船舶の自動姿勢制御装置

(57) 【要約】

【目的】 船の航行状態に合わせ効率的かつ高精度の姿勢制御を自動的に行なう。

【構成】 トリムタブ(6L, 6R)と、コントローラ(10)と、トリムタブ(6R, 6L)の角度を変える駆動手段(8R, 8L)と、ロール角度センサ(12)と、ヨー角度信号センサ(11)と、速度センサ(15)と、トリムタブ角度センサ(16R, 16L)とからなり、前記コントローラ(10)はヨー角度信号と速度信号とより船の航行状態を判定すると共に、航行状態に応じロール角度信号とトリムタブ角度信号とによりトリムタブ6R, 6Lの角度を制御することを特徴とする。



【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項 1】 船体のロール角度に応じてロール角度信号を出力するロール角度センサと、
船体のヨー角度に応じてヨー角度信号を出力するヨー角度センサと、
船速に応じて速度信号を出力する速度センサと、
船体の姿勢を制御するトリムタブと、
前記センサからの航行条件に応じて信号を出力するコントローラと、

このコントローラに接続し、コントローラから送られてくる出力信号に応じてトリムタブの角度を変える駆動手段と、

からなることを特徴とする船舶の自動姿勢制御装置。

【請求項 2】 船体のロール角度に応じてロール角度信号を出力するロール角度センサと、
船体のヨー角度に応じてヨー角度信号を出力するヨー角度センサと、
船速に応じて速度信号を出力する速度センサと、
トリムタブの駆動角度に応じて角度信号を出力するトリムタブ角度センサと、
船体の姿勢を制御するトリムタブと、
前記センサからの航行条件に応じて信号を出力するコントローラと、
このコントローラに接続し、コントローラから送られてくる出力信号に応じてトリムタブの角度を変える駆動手段と、

からなることを特徴とする船舶の自動姿勢制御装置。

【請求項 3】 船体の姿勢を制御するトリムタブと、
航行条件に応じて信号を出力するコントローラと、
このコントローラに接続し、コントローラから送られてくる出力信号に応じてトリムタブの角度を変える駆動手段と、
船体のロール角度に応じてロール角度信号を出力するロール角度センサと、
船体のヨー角度に応じてヨー角度信号を出力するヨー角度信号センサと、
船速に応じて速度信号を出力する速度センサと、
トリムタブの駆動角度に応じて角度信号を出力するトリムタブ角度センサとからなり、
前記コントローラは前記ヨー角度信号と前記速度信号とより船の航行状態を判定すると共に、航行状態に応じ前記ロール角度信号と前記トリムタブ角度信号とにより前記トリムタブの角度を制御することを特徴とする船舶の自動姿勢制御装置。

【請求項 4】 船体の姿勢を制御するトリムタブと、
航行条件に応じて信号を出力するコントローラと、
このコントローラに接続し、コントローラから送られてくる出力信号に応じてトリムタブの角度を変える駆動手段と、
船体のロール角度に応じてロール角度信号を出力するロ

ール角度センサと、

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船速に応じて速度信号を出力する速度センサと、

トリムタブの駆動角度に応じて角度信号を出力するトリムタブ角度センサとからなり、

前記コントローラは前記ヨー角度信号を入力としヨー角度変化率信号を出力する変化率計算部と、速度信号を入力とし速度レベル信号を出力する速度レベル判定部と、
前記ヨー角度変化率信号と前記速度レベル信号とを入力とし航行状態の判定を行い制御切り替え信号を出力する制御方法切り替え部とを有し、且つ前記ロール角度信号を平均化しヒール角度信号を出力する平均処理部と、ヒール角度信号とヒール角度目標値信号を入力としヒール角度偏差信号を出力するヒール角度偏差計算部と、ヒール角度偏差信号を入力としトリムタブ角度の目標値を計算するタブ角度目標値計算部と、予め目標とするトリムタブ角度を設定してあるタブ角度目標値設定部とを有し、さらに前記制御方法切り替え信号によりタブ角度目標値の選択を行いタブ角度目標値を出力する目標値選択部と、タブ角度目標値とトリムタブ角度信号とを入力としタブ角度偏差を計算するタブ角度偏差信号とタブ角度偏差信号を入力とし駆動信号を出力する出力部とを有することを特徴とする船舶の自動姿勢制御装置。

【請求項 5】 請求項 1、又は請求項 2、又は請求項 3、若しくは請求項 4 記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、

前記コントローラは、前記各センサ信号を入力とし、航行条件に応じてヒール角度制御、旋回時制御、船首浮き上がり状態に於けるトリム角度制御を選択し、各々の制御方法において決定された目標値を出力することを特徴とする船舶の自動姿勢制御装置。

【請求項 6】 請求項 5 記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記ヒール角度制御は、前記ヨー角度信号と前記速度信号とにより航行状態を判定し、ヒール角度信号と前記トリムタブ角度信号とにより前記トリムタブの角度を制御することを特徴とする船舶の自動姿勢制御装置。

【請求項 7】 請求項 5 記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、

前記ヨー角度信号と前記速度信号とより航行状態を判定し、旋回時と判断したとき、トリムタブを予め設定された目標値に制御することを特徴とする船舶の自動姿勢制御装置。

【請求項 8】 請求項 5 記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、

前記船首浮き上がり状態に於けるトリム角度制御は、前記速度信号より航行状態を判定し、トリムタブを予め設定された目標値に制御することを特徴とする船舶の自動姿勢制御装置。

【請求項 9】 請求項 1、請求項 2、請求項 3、請求項 4、請求項 5、請求項 6、請求項 7、請求項 8 記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記ロール角度は、船体のロール方向の角速度を振動ジャイロで検出し、前記角速度を積分して算出することを特徴とする船舶の自動姿勢制御装置。

【請求項 10】 請求項 1、請求項 2、請求項 3、請求項 4、請求項 5、請求項 6、請求項 7、請求項 8 記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記ロール角度は、船体のロール方向の加速度を加速度計で検出し、前記加速度に基づき前記船体の傾斜角を算出することを特徴とする船舶の自動姿勢制御装置。

【請求項 11】 請求項 1、請求項 2、請求項 3、請求項 4、請求項 5、請求項 6、請求項 7、請求項 8 記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記ロール角度は、船体のロール方向の傾斜角を傾斜計で検出することを特徴とする船舶の自動姿勢制御装置。

【請求項 12】 請求項 1、請求項 2、請求項 3、請求項 4、請求項 5、請求項 6、請求項 7、請求項 8 記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記ヨー角度は、船体の相対方位を磁気センサで検出し、これをヨー角度として出力することを特徴とする船舶の自動姿勢制御装置

【請求項 13】 請求項 5 記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記トリムタブを自動的に制御する機構と手動により駆動する機構とを有し、この自動と手動とを任意に切り替え可能であることを特徴とする船舶の自動姿勢制御装置。

【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【産業上の利用分野】この発明は、モータボートなど、船舶の姿勢を安定させるために、トリムタブの角度を自動的に制御する船舶の自動姿勢制御装置に関する。

【0002】

【従来の技術】従来の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置としては、例えば特開平 3-82697 及び特開平 3-114996 に示されたものがある。

【0003】特開平 3-82697 のものは、操縦量を検出するトルクセンサと、船速を検知する速度センサの出力に応じ、船体の姿勢を検出するピッチ角度センサと、ロール角度センサの出力に応じ、同じくトリムタブ角度を制御する構成である。

【0004】特開平 3-114996 においては、船体の姿勢を検出するピッチ角度センサと、ロール角度センサの出力に応じ、同じくトリムタブ角度を制御する構成になっている。

【0005】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】しかしながら、特開平 3-82697 に記載のものは、船体の姿勢そのものを検出せず、略直進時において船速に応じ船首が浮き上

らないようトリムタブの角度を一義的に決定し、また旋回時及び横風等による当て舵実施時において操舵量に応じ船体の横傾斜（ヒール角）を緩和させるようトリムタブの角度を制御する構成となっていたため、次のような問題を招いていた。

【0006】①略直進時に横傾斜およびローリングを完全には防止できない。

【0007】②旋回時において、旋回操舵前および旋回操舵中の船体の姿勢に関係せず、トリムタブ角度を制御するのは、船の走行姿勢バランスを崩す要因となるため、有効ではない。

【0008】また、旋回時において本来遠心力（横加速度）に抗するための有効な姿勢である内傾斜を減ずる方向にトリムタブを制御することは、乗員の体感する横加速度を増大させ、乗員に違和感を与える可能性がある。

【0009】一方、特開平 3-114996 に記載のものは、船の姿勢そのものを表す、ピッチ角度とロール角度を検出し、トリムタブ角度を制御する構成であり、さらに、目標ピッチ角度と目標ロール角度とを与えて比較演算しトリムタブ角度を制御する構成ともなっており、船の航行状態に関係なく常にロール角度とピッチ角度の制御を行っているが、次のような問題があった。

【0010】③船のヨー角度変化または舵角変化を検出していないため、針路変更のための旋回操舵を検出できなく、やはり旋回時において内傾斜を減ずる方向に制御されてしまう。

【0011】④常に動揺角を制御しているため、トリムタブを駆動するアクチュエータ（モータ、油圧シリンダ等）の負荷が高くなる。

【0012】そこで、この発明は、船の航行状態に合わせ効率的かつ高精度の姿勢制御を行なうことのできる船舶の自動姿勢制御装置の提供を目的とする。

【0013】

【課題を解決するための手段】上記課題を解決するために請求項 1 の発明は、船体のロール角度に応じてロール角度信号を出力するロール角度センサと、船体のヨー角度に応じてヨー角度信号を出力するヨー角度センサと、船速に応じて速度信号を出力する速度センサと、船体の姿勢を制御するトリムタブと、前記センサからの航行条件に応じて信号を出力するコントローラと、このコントローラに接続し、コントローラから送られてくる出力信号に応じてトリムタブの角度を変える駆動手段と、からなることを特徴とする。

【0014】請求項 2 の発明は、船体のロール角度に応じてロール角度信号を出力するロール角度センサと、船体のヨー角度に応じてヨー角度信号を出力するヨー角度センサと、船速に応じて速度信号を出力する速度センサと、トリムタブの駆動角度に応じて角度信号を出力するトリムタブ角度センサと、船体の姿勢を制御するトリムタブと、前記センサからの航行条件に応じて信号を出力

するコントローラとこのコントローラに接続し、コントローラから送られてくる出力信号に応じてトリムタブの角度を変える駆動手段とからなることを特徴とする。

【0015】請求項3の発明は船体の姿勢を制御するトリムタブと、航行条件に応じて信号を出力するコントローラと、このコントローラに接続し、コントローラから送られてくる出力信号に応じてトリムタブの角度を変える駆動手段と、船体のロール角度に応じてロール角度信号を出力するロール角度センサと、船体のヨー角度に応じてヨー角度信号を出力するヨー角度信号センサと、船速に応じて速度信号を出力する速度センサと、トリムタブの駆動角度に応じて角度信号を出力するトリムタブ角度センサとからなり、前記コントローラは前記ヨー角度信号と前記速度信号とより船の航行状態を判定すると共に、航行状態に応じ前記ロール角度信号と前記トリムタブ角度信号とにより前記トリムタブの角度を制御することを特徴とする。

【0016】請求項4の発明は船体の姿勢を制御するトリムタブと、航行条件に応じて信号を出力するコントローラと、このコントローラに接続し、コントローラから送られてくる出力信号に応じてトリムタブの角度を変える駆動手段と、船体のロール角度に応じてロール角度信号を出力するロール角度センサと、船体のヨー角度に応じてヨー角度信号を出力するヨー角度センサと、船速に応じて速度信号を出力する速度センサと、トリムタブの駆動角度に応じて角度信号を出力するトリムタブ角度センサとからなり、前記コントローラは前記ヨー角度信号を入力としヨー角度変化率信号を出力する変化率計算部と、速度信号を入力とし速度レベル信号を出力する速度レベル判定部と、前記ヨー角度変化率信号と前記速度レベル信号とを入力とし航行状態の判定を行い制御切り替え信号を出力する制御方法切り替え部とを有し、且つ前記ロール角度信号を平均化しヒール角度信号を出力する平均処理部と、ヒール角度信号とヒール角度目標値信号を入力としヒール角度偏差信号を出力するヒール角度偏差計算部と、ヒール角度偏差信号を入力としトリムタブ角度の目標値を計算するタブ角度目標値計算部と、予め目標とするトリムタブ角度を設定してあるタブ角度目標値設定部とを有し、さらに前記制御方法切り替え信号によりタブ角度目標値の選択を行いタブ角度目標値を出力する目標値選択部と、タブ角度目標値とトリムタブ角度信号とを入力としタブ角度偏差を計算するタブ角度偏差信号とタブ角度偏差信号を入力とし駆動信号を出力する出力部とを有することを特徴とする。

【0017】請求項5の発明は請求項1、又は請求項2、又は請求項3、若しくは請求項4記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記コントローラは、前記各センサ信号を入力とし、航行条件に応じてヒール角度制御、旋回時制御、船首浮き上がり状態に於けるトリム角度制御を選択し、各々の制御方法において決定された目

標値を出力することを特徴とする。

【0018】請求項6の発明は請求項5記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記ヒール角度制御は、前記ヨー角度信号と前記速度信号とにより航行状態を判定し、ヒール角度信号と前記トリムタブ角度信号とにより前記トリムタブの角度を制御することを特徴とする。

【0019】請求項7の発明は請求項5記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記ヨー角度信号と前記速度信号とより航行状態を判定し、旋回時と判断したとき、トリムタブを予め設定された目標値に制御することを特徴とする。

【0020】請求項8の発明は請求項5記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記船首浮き上がり状態に於けるトリム角度制御は、前記速度信号より航行状態を判定し、トリムタブを予め設定された目標値に制御することを特徴とする。

【0021】請求項9の発明は請求項1、請求項2、請求項3、請求項4、請求項5、請求項6、請求項7、請求項8記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記ロール角度は、船体のロール方向の角速度を振動ジャイロで検出し、前記角速度を積分して算出することを特徴とする。

【0022】請求項10の発明は請求項1、請求項2、請求項3、請求項4、請求項5、請求項6、請求項7、請求項8記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記ロール角度は、船体のロール方向の加速度を加速度計で検出し、前記加速度に基づき前記船体の傾斜角を算出することを特徴とする。

【0023】請求項11の発明は請求項1、請求項2、請求項3、請求項4、請求項5、請求項6、請求項7、請求項8記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記ロール角度は、船体のロール方向の傾斜角を傾斜計で検出することを特徴とする。

【0024】請求項12の発明は請求項1、請求項2、請求項3、請求項4、請求項5、請求項6、請求項7、請求項8記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記ヨー角度は、船体の相対方位を磁気センサで検出し、これをヨー角度として出力することを特徴とする。

【0025】請求項13の発明は請求項5記載の船舶の自動姿勢制御装置であって、前記トリムタブを自動的に制御する機構と手動により駆動する機構とを有し、この自動と手動とを任意に切り替え可能であることを特徴とする。

【0026】

【作用】上記手段の請求項1の発明によれば、船体のロール角度、ヨー角度、船速に基づき、コントローラにより駆動手段を制御し、トリムタブの角度を変えることができる。

【0027】請求項2の発明によれば、船体のロール角度、ヨー角度、船速とトリムタブの角度に基づきコント

ローラが駆動手段を制御し、トリムタブの角度を変えることができる。

【0028】請求項3の発明によれば、ヨー角度信号と速度信号とより船の航行状態を判定し、航行状態に応じロール角度信号とトリムタブ角度信号とによりトリムタブの角度を制御することができる。

【0029】請求項4の発明によれば、ヨー角度変化率と速度レベルとを入力して航行状態の判定を行ない、この航行状態の判定に基づき制御方法の切り替えを可能とし、かつロール角度信号を平均化したヒール角度信号とヒール角度目標値信号とによりヒール角度偏差を計算し、このヒール角度偏差信号を入力としてトリムタブ角度の目標値を計算し、また予め目標とするトリムタブ角度を設定し、更に制御方法切り替え信号によりタブ角度目標値の選択を行なってタブ角目標値を出力し、タブ角度目標値とトリムタブ角度信号とを入力してタブ角度偏差を計算し、駆動信号を出力することができる。

【0030】請求項5の発明によれば、航行状態に応じてヒール角度制御、旋回時制御、船首浮き上がり状態におけるトリムタブ角度制御を選択し、各々の制御方法において決定された目標値を出力することができる。

【0031】請求項6の発明によれば、ヨー角度信号と速度信号とより航行状態を判定し、ヒール角度信号とトリムタブ角度信号とによりトリムタブの角度を制御してヒール角度制御を行なうことができる。

【0032】請求項7の発明によれば、ヨー角度信号と速度信号とより航行状態を判定し、旋回時と判断した時トリムタブを予め設定された目標値に設定することができる。

【0033】請求項8の発明によれば、速度信号により航行状態を判定し、トリムタブを予め設定された目標値に制御することができる。

【0034】請求項9の発明によれば、船体のロール方向の角速度を振動ジャイロで検出し、角速度を積分してロール角度を算出することができる。

【0035】請求項10の発明によれば、船体のロール方向の加速度を加速度計で検出し、この加速度に基づき船体の傾斜角を算出し、ロール角度を求めることができる。

【0036】請求項11の発明によれば、船体のロール方向の傾斜角を傾斜計で検出し、ロール角度を求めることができる。

【0037】請求項12の発明によれば、船体の相対方位を磁気センサで検出し、これをヨー角度として出力することができる。

【0038】請求項13の発明によれば、トリムタブを自動と手動とを任意に切り替えて制御することができる。

【0039】

【実施例】以下、本発明の実施例を説明する。

【0040】図1は船体上方から見たシステム構成の全体図である。

【0041】1は船体、2はハンドルであり、ハンドル2の回転力はワイヤ3を通じスクリュウ5を左右に揺動するようにしている。エンジン4には、エンジン4によって回転力を与えられる前記スクリュウ5を接続している。ハンドル2の回転によってスクリュウ5を左右に揺動することによって、推力の方向を変化させ、船体を旋回させるようにしている。

10 【0042】コントローラ10には、船首の左右方向への振れ角度を検出するヨー角度センサ11と船体の左右方向の動揺角を検出するロール角度センサ12と船体の速度を検出する速度センサ15とを接続している。なお、ロール角度は船体へのロール方向の角速度を振動ジャイロで検出し前記角速度を積分して算出することができる。また、船体のロール方向の加速度を加速度計で検出しこの加速度に基づき船体の傾斜角を算出することにより求めることができる。更にロール角度は船体のロール方向の傾斜角を傾斜計で検出することにより求めることができる。ヨー角度は船体の相対方位を磁気センサで検出し、これをヨー角度として出力することができる。

【0043】前記ヨー角度センサ11で検出したヨー角度信号 ω とロール角度センサ12で検出したロール角度信号 ϕ と速度センサ15で検出した速度信号 v はそれぞれコントローラ10に入力するようにしている。

【0044】また、コントローラ10には、トリムタブ6R、6Lの角度を検出する角度センサ（右トリムタブ用16R、左トリムタブ用16L）とトリムタブ6R、6Lを自動制御するかまたは手動操作するかを切り換える切り換えスイッチ13とトリムタブ6R、6Lを手動操作するための手動操作スイッチ（右トリムタブ用14R、左トリムタブ用14L）を接続している。

【0045】さらに、コントローラ10は、電源スイッチ17を介してバッテリー9と接続している。電源スイッチ17がOFFの場合、コントローラ10の作動が停止する構成になっている。

【0046】コントローラ10は、コントローラ10から出力される信号に応じてトリムタブ6R、6Lの角度を変える駆動手段にその出力を接続している。

40 【0047】この実施例のトリムタブ6R、6Lの駆動手段は、次のように構成されている。コントローラ10からの出力信号に応じて、油圧モータ8R、8Lを正転、反転させている。油圧モータ8R、8Lの正転、反転に応じシリンダ7R、7Lは伸縮運動を行う。このシリンダ7R、7Lの伸縮運動によりトリムタブ6R、6Lを上下動するようにしている。

【0048】次に、図2によりコントローラ10の内部構成について説明する。

50 【0049】コントローラ10には、まず前記速度センサ15から速度信号 v が入力され、この速度信号 v は速

度レベル判定部20へ送られる。

【0050】この速度レベル判定部20には、予め内部に航行状態を判定するための一定値 v_1 、 v_2 ($v_1 < v_2$) が設定される。 v_1 はアイドリング状態と船の船首浮き上がり状態との境界値である。 v_2 は船首浮き上がり状態とブレーン状態との境界値である。この

v_1 、 v_2 の値は船の航行条件や船体の特性に応じ、任*

(1) $v < v_1$ (アイドリング状態)

(2) $v_1 \leq v \leq v_2$ (船首浮き上がり状態)

(3) $v_2 < v$ (ブレーン状態)

(1)の条件のとき (1)信号を制御方法切替え部22に出力する。

【0054】(2)の条件のとき (2)信号を制御方法切替え部22に出力する。

【0055】(3)の条件のとき (3)信号を制御方法切替え部22に出力する。

【0056】またコントローラ10に前記ヨー角度センサ11からヨー角度信号 v が入力されるとこのヨー角度信号 ω は変化率計算部21へ送られる。

※

(イ) $d\omega/dt < d\omega_0/dt$

(ロ) $d\omega/dt \geq d\omega_0/dt$

(イ)の条件の時は (イ) 信号を制御方法切替え部22に出力する。

【0058】(ロ)の条件の時は (ロ) 信号を制御方法切替え部22に出力する。

【0059】前記の速度レベル判定部20からの速度レベル信号と前記の変化率計算部21からの変化率信号とを制御方法切替え部22に入力すると、制御方法切替え部22では、入力された速度レベル信号と変化率信号との組み合わせにより、図4に示すような命令信号(i) ~ (iii)を決定し、目標値選択部30、31に出力する。

【0060】切り替え命令信号(i) ~ (iii)は、
(i) トリムタブを最も上に上げた状態にする命令信号
(ii) トリムタブを最も下に下げた状態にする命令信号
(iii) ヒール角度制御を行う命令信号
を意味する。

【0061】すなわち、第1式における船の速度レベルがアイドリング状態と判定された場合は、第2式における直進時および旋回時判定の如何に関わらず、切替え命令信号(i) すなわちトリムタブを最も上にあげた状態に

【0062】また、第1式における速度レベルが船首浮き上がり状態 (ブレーン移行前の走行状態) と判定した場合、第2式における直進時および旋回時判定の如何に

*意の値に設定できる。

【0051】なお、船速とトリム角との関係は、一般に図3に示されるような特性がある。

【0052】前記速度レベル判定部20では、次の判定式により船の速度レベルを次の3通りに区分する。

【0053】

…第1式

※【0057】この変化率計算部21においては、入力されたヨー角度信号 ω に応じて単位時間毎のヨー角度変化であるヨー角度変化率 $d\omega/dt$ を計算する。そして、計算されたヨー角度変化率 $d\omega/dt$ は、変化率計算部21は予め設定されている一定値 $d\omega_0/dt$ と比較演算し出力信号を選択する。 $d\omega_0/dt$ は船の航行状態が現在、直進時か旋回時かを判断する境界値である。この $d\omega_0/dt$ の値は船の航行条件や船体の特性に応じ、任意の値に設定できる

(直進時)

(旋回時)

…第2式

関わず、切替え命令信号(ii)すなわちトリムタブ6R、6Lを最も下げた状態に制御する。

【0063】これは、前述した様にブレーン状態に移行するまでは船首を下げる制御が有効であり、この状態でのローリング制御およびヒール角度制御は有効性が少ないことによる。

【0064】さらに、第1式における速度レベルがブレーン状態と判定された場合は、第2式にて直進時と判定された場合に切替え命令信号(iii) すなわちヒール角度制御を実施、旋回時と判定された場合は切替え命令信号(i) すなわちトリムタブ6R、6Lを最も上げた状態に制御する。

【0065】これにより、直進時ブレーン状態のみヒール角度制御を実施し、旋回時には本来船の有する特性である横傾斜を阻害しないよう制御する。

【0066】一方、コントローラ10にはロール角度センサ12からロール角度信号 ϕ が入力され、このロール角度信号 ϕ は平均処理部23に送られる。

【0067】この平均処理部23では、入力されたロール角度信号 ϕ に対し、次の第3式の計算を行い移動平均値を求める。この移動平均値をヒール角度 ϕ_a とする。

【0068】

【数1】

$$\phi_{ak} = \frac{1}{n'} \sum_{i=k-n'}^k \phi_i$$

12.

…第3式

ここで i は $(k-n')$, $(k-n'+1)$, $(k-n'+2)$, …, k

$$(K - (k - n' + n'))$$

ϕ_i は i 時点でのロール角度

ϕ_{ak} は k 時点でのヒール角度を示す。

【0069】 ϕ_{ak} はすなわち ϕ_i を n' 回足した値の平均値である。

【0070】 ϕ は進行方向に対し右傾斜方向を正とする。

【0071】 第3式により計算したヒール角度 ϕ_a を出力信号とし、ヒール角偏差計算部25に出力する。 *

$$\phi_e = \phi_a - \phi_o$$

ここで、船体が進行方向に対して右廻り方向を正とする。

【0075】 このヒール角度偏差信号 ϕ_e はタブ角度目標値計算部26、27へ出力される。

【0076】 タブ角度目標値計算部26では、入力され※ $\phi_e \geq 0$ なら

10 * 【0072】 このヒール角偏差計算部25には、この他に目標値決定部24において予め設定されている目標ヒール角度を示す目標ヒール角度信号 ϕ_o も入力している。

【0073】 このヒール角偏差計算部25では、次の第4式の計算を行ないヒール角度偏差信号 ϕ_e を求める。

【0074】

…第4式

※たヒール角度偏差信号 ϕ_e をもとに、 ϕ_e の正負を判断したうえで、第5式のPID演算を行い、右のトリムタブのタブ角度目標値 θ_r を求める。

【0077】

【数2】

$$\theta_r = K_p \phi_e + T_D \frac{d}{dt} \phi_e + \frac{1}{T_I} \int \phi_e dt \quad \dots \text{第5式}$$

$\phi_e < 0$ なら

$$\theta_r = 0$$

ここで、 K_p 、 T_D 、 T_I は定数である。

タブ角目標値計算部27では、入力されたヒール角度偏差信号 ϕ_e をもとに、 ϕ_e の正負を判断したうえで、次の第6式のPID演算を行い、左のトリムタブ6Lのタ

ブ角目標値 θ_l を求める。

【0078】

【数3】

$$\phi_e \geq 0 \text{ なら}$$

$$\theta_L = 0$$

$$\phi_e < 0 \text{ なら}$$

$$\theta_L = - \left(K_p \phi_e + T_D \frac{d}{dt} \phi_e + \frac{1}{T_I} \int \phi_e dt \right) \quad \dots \text{第6式}$$

ここで、 K_p 、 T_D 、 T_I は定数である。

なお第5式並びに第6式の第1項 $K_p \phi_e$ はヒール角度偏差信号 ϕ_e に比例したタブ角度を与える。すなわち、ヒール角度偏差信号 ϕ_e の絶対値が大きいくほど、右または左のタブ角度を大きくするものである。

【0079】同第2項は、ヒール角度偏差信号 ϕ_e の微分値に比例したタブ角度を与えるものであり、この微分値が大きくなければその分大きなタブ角度を与え、船体のヒール角度を減少させる応答性を向上させている。

【0080】同第3項は、ヒール角度偏差信号 ϕ_e の積分値に比例したタブ角度を与えるものであり、これは船体の特性や外力によって生じた定常的な船体の横傾斜（ヒール角度）を打ち消すタブ角度を与えている。

【0081】ここで求められた、右タブ角目標値 θ_r は目標値選択部30に出力される。また左タブ目標値 θ_l は目標値選択部31に出力される。

【0082】以下に右トリムタブの出力信号決定までの説明を行う。左トリムタブの出力信号決定までの流れは右トリムタブとまったく同じであり、説明は省略する。

【0083】目標選択部30へは、前記した制御方法切替部22から出力される切替え命令信号(i)～(iii)と、右タブ角度目標値計算部26から出力されるタブ角度目標値 θ_r が入力されるが、その他に予め目標タブ角*

$$\theta_e = \theta_r - \theta_{R0}$$

さらに θ_e の正負判別を行い、偏差角 θ_e が零になるようにトリムタブ6Rをアップ・ダウンさせる信号を以下のように決定する。

【0089】

θ_e が正のときは ダウン信号 (O_{RD})

θ_e が負のときは アップ信号 (O_{RU})

このアップ・ダウン信号は右出力部34に出力される。

【0090】右出力部34では、右タブ角偏差計算部32で決定されたアップ・ダウン信号 O_{RU} 又は O_{RD} を入力とする他に、切替えスイッチ13からオン・オフ信号を出力とする切替え信号と右の手動スイッチ14Rからの手動信号とを入力している。

*を設定した右タブ角目標値設定部28から目標設定値 θ_1 、 θ_2 を入力している。目標設定値 θ_1 はトリムタブ6Rを最も上げた状態の設定値である。目標設定値 θ_2 はトリムタブ6Rを最も下げた状態の設定値である。

20 【0084】目標値選択部30では切替え命令信号(i)～(iii)に対応し、右タブ角度の目標値 θ_r 、 θ_1 、 θ_2 を選択する。選択対応は以下の通りである。

【0085】

切り替え命令信号	タブ角目標値
(i) のとき	θ_1 を選択
(ii) のとき	θ_2 を選択
(iii) のとき	θ_r を選択

これにより選択された右タブ角度目標値を $\theta_R = \theta_1$ 、又は θ_2 、又は θ_r とする。

30 【0086】目標値選択部30で選択された右タブ角度目標値 θ_R は、右タブ角偏差計算部32へ出力される。

【0087】右タブ角偏差計算部32へは、入力されたタブ角目標値 θ_R の他に、トリムタブ角度センサ16Rで検出された角度信号 θ_{R0} も入力されている。

【0088】右タブ角偏差計算部32では、次の第7式の計算を行い、偏差角度 θ_e を求める

…第7式

【0091】すなわち、右出力部34では、切替えスイッチ13から入力する切替え信号により、自動、手動のトリムタブ制御を切り替えられるようにしている。

【0092】切替えスイッチ13がオンの場合は自動とし、上記で決定されたアップ・ダウン信号 O_{RD} 又は O_{RU} を出力信号として油圧モータ8Rに出力する。

【0093】切替えスイッチ13がオフの場合は手動とし、右手動スイッチ14Rの操作により決定されるアップ・ダウン信号を右出力部34の出力として油圧モータ8Rへ出力される。

50 【0094】以上右トリムタブ6Rの制御について説明したが、左トリムタブ6Lも同じである。

【0095】ここで、滑走艇において、ブレーン状態に入るまでの間は船尾の喫水が深いため船底にかかる水圧が増し、ローリングは少ない。一方、この間は船尾の沈み込みにより船首が上がリ前方視界が悪化すると共に、ブレーンへの移行が遅くなるため、従来よりトリムタブを左右共降ろすことにより船首を下げる操作が行われており、本発明の実施例の制御もこれに準ずる。

【0096】これに対しブレーン状態においては喫水が浅くなり船の動揺が活発になる。この状態においてローリングとピッチングを比較した場合、通常ピッチング周期の方が長く、ローリングの方が敏感に体感される。またトリムタブを用いた姿勢制御はその構造上、上がりすぎた船首を下げる効果は期待できるものの、下がりすぎた船首を持ち上げる効果は無い。よってブレーン状態における姿勢制御はローリングの抑制がより有効である。

【0097】しかしながら全てのローリングを常に抑制することは、制御アクチュエータに多大な負荷を与えることとなるため、本発明の実施例では船体の動揺角（ローリング）そのものを抑えようとするものでなく、その平均的な姿勢角（これをヒール角という）を制御する。

【0098】また、旋回時におけるローリング制御の無効性については前述の通りであるが、旋回状態の検出には、直進、旋回時各々におけるヨー角度変化率のレベルが異なることを利用している。すなわちヨー角度変化率があるレベルを越えると旋回と判断することができる。

【0099】次に上記コントローラ10の制御作用を図5から図9のフローチャートに基づいて説明する。なお、この説明においても、右トリムタブ6Rの制御について行ない、左トリムタブ6Lの制御は省略する。

【0100】まず、図5のように全体的な制御が行われる。即ちステップS1において制御方法の切り替えが行われる。この制御方法の切り替えは、前記命令信号(i)、命令信号(ii)、命令信号(iii)の切替えである。

【0101】ステップS2ではタブ角度計算が行われる。タブ角度計算は前記ロール角度センサ12（図1）の検出に基づいて行われる。

【0102】ステップS3では目標値選択が行われる。目標値選択は航行状態に応じてタブ角度 θ_r 、 θ_1 、 θ_2 の選択を行なう。

【0103】ステップS4ではタブ角度偏差計算及び出力が行われる。タブ角度偏差計算は選択された目標値 θ_r とトリムタブ角度センサ16R（図1）で検出されたトリムタブ角度とに基づき計算される。出力は偏差が0となるようにアップまたはダウンの信号を油圧モータ8Rに出力する。

【0104】次に、ステップS1～S4の詳細について説明する。

【0105】前記ステップS1の制御方法の切り替えは図6のルーチンによって行われる。まずステップS101では速度センサ15（図1）で検出した速度 v の読み

込みが行われる。

【0106】ステップS102では速度レベルの判定が行われる。この判定は、速度レベル判定部20（図1）で行なわれ、前記したように

- (1) $v < v_1$
- (2) $v_1 \leq v \leq v_2$
- (3) $v_2 < v$

について行なわれ、 $v < v_1$ の場合はステップS103で(1) 信号の選択が行われる。

10 【0107】 $v_1 \leq v \leq v_2$ の場合はステップS104で(2) 信号の選択が行われる。

【0108】 $v_2 < v$ の場合はステップS105において(3) 信号の選択が行われる。

【0109】ついでステップS106においてヨー角度センサ11（図1）で検出されたヨー角度 ω の読み込みが行われる。

【0110】ステップS107では、航行状態の判断が行われる。この判断は、変化率計算部21（図1）で行なわれ、前記したように

- 20 (イ) $d\omega/dt < d\omega_0/dt$
- (ロ) $d\omega/dt \geq d\omega_0/dt$

について行なう。

【0111】 $d\omega/dt < d\omega_0/dt$ の場合はステップS108において(イ) 信号の選択が行われる。

【0112】 $d\omega/dt \geq d\omega_0/dt$ の場合はステップS109で(ロ) 信号の選択が行われる。これらの信号選択が行われたら、これらの信号に基づきステップS110において速度及び航行状態の判断が行われる。この判断は制御方法切替部22において前記図4のように

30 【0113】即ち、(1) 及び(イ)、(1) 及び(ロ)、(3) 及び(ロ) の場合はステップS111において(i) 信号の選択が行われる。

【0114】(2) 及び(イ)、(2) 及び(ロ) の場合はステップS112において(ii) 信号の選択が行われる。

【0115】(3) 及び(イ) の場合はステップS113において(iii) 信号の選択が行なわれる。

40 【0116】これら(i) 信号、(ii) 信号、(iii) 信号によって制御方法の切替えを判断することができる。従ってステップS114において(i)、又は(ii)、若しくは(iii) の選択された切替え信号が出力される。

【0117】次に前記図5のステップS2のタブ角度計算は図7のルーチンによって行なわれる。まずステップS201において検出ロール角 ϕ の読み込みが行なわれる。この読み込みは前記ロール角度センサ12（図1）の検出に基づいている。

50 【0118】次いでステップS202において移動平均値 ϕ_a の計算が行なわれる。この平均処理は平均処理部23（図1）で行なわれる。移動平均値 ϕ_a は前記したようにヒール角度として出力されるものである。

【0119】ステップS203において決定目標地 ϕ の読み込みが行なわれる。この決定目標地 ϕ は前記目標値決定部24(図1)において予め決定されている値に基づいている。

【0120】ステップS204ではヒール角度偏差計算が行なわれる。このヒール角度偏差計算は、ヒール角度計算部25(図1)で行なわれ、

$$\phi_e = \phi_a - \phi_o$$

を実行する。

【0121】ステップS205ではタブ角度目標値 θ_r の計算が行なわれる。この計算は前記したように右タブ角度目標値計算部26(図1)で行なわれる。

【0122】次にステップS206においてタブ角度 θ_r の出力が行なわれる。この出力は右タブ角度目標値計算部26から目標値選択部30へ行なう。

【0123】前記図5のステップS3の目標値選択は図8のルーチンに基づいて行なわれる。このルーチンは目標値選択部30(図1)によって実行される。

【0124】まずステップS301でタブ角度計算目標値 θ_r の読み込みが行なわれる。この目標値 θ_r は前記目標値計算部26(図1)からの出力に基づいている。

【0125】ステップS302ではタブ角度設定目標値 θ_1 、 θ_2 の読み込みが行なわれる。この目標値 θ_1 、 θ_2 は右タブ角度目標値設定部28(図1)からの出力に基づいている。

【0126】ステップS303では切替え信号(i)、(ii)、(iii)の読み込みが行なわれる。この読み込みは前記制御方法切替え部22からの出力に基づいている。

【0127】ステップS304では切替え信号の判断が行なわれる。(i)の場合はステップS305において目標値 θ_1 の選択が行なわれる。(ii)の場合はステップS306において目標値 θ_2 の選択が行なわれる。(iii)の場合はステップS307において目標値 θ_r の選択が行なわれる。これら選択された目標値 θ_1 、 θ_2 、 θ_r のいずれかが目標値 θ_R としてステップS308において出力される。この出力は前記目標値選択部30から右タブ角度偏差計算部32へ行なわれる。

【0128】前記図5のステップS4のタブ角度偏差計算出力は図9のルーチンによって行なわれる。このルーチンは前記右タブ角度偏差計算部32と右出力部34とによって行なわれる。

【0129】まずステップS401において選択した目標値 θ_1 、 θ_2 、 θ_r の読み込みが行なわれる。この読み込みは目標値選択部30(図1)からの出力に基づいている。

【0130】ステップS402では検出したトリムタブ角 θ_{R0} の読み込みが行なわれる。この読み込みは前記トリムタブ角度センサ16R(図1)からの出力に基づいている。

【0131】ステップS403ではタブ角偏差計算が行

なわれる。この計算は

$$\theta_e = \theta_R - \theta_{R0}$$

を実行する。

【0132】次いでステップ404において θ_e の正負判定が行なわれる。 θ_e が正の場合はステップS405においてダウン信号 O_{RD} の出力が行なわれる。 θ_e が負の場合はステップS406においてアップ信号 O_{RU} が出力される。この出力によって前記油圧モータ8Rが駆動され、トリムタブ角がダウン側又はアップ側に制御される。

【0133】そしてステップS407において $\theta_e = 0$ か否かの判断が行なわれ、0になったら制御を終了する。

【0134】このように船の航行状態に合わせてトリムタブ6R、6Lを制御することができ、効率的かつ高精度の姿勢制御を自動的に行なうことができる。また、油圧モータ8L、8Rの負荷を最小にして耐久性及び信頼性を向上することができる。

【0135】図10に本発明の上記実施例による効果の一例を示す。

【0136】図10(a)は、直進時に横風を受けた状態における、船の速度毎におけるヒール角度抑制効果を示す。

【0137】図中の実線は本発明実施例による制御の場合、破線は未制御の場合、二点鎖線は全域にわたりローリング制御を行った場合をそれぞれ示す。

【0138】これらから明らかなように、横風等の外乱に対し本発明実施例は非常に有効なヒール角度抑制効果を有していることがわかる。

【0139】また、ヒール角度未制御のプレーニング前の領域での傾きは前記した通り小さいため人間が不快感を感じる程度ではなく、この領域では制御効果が少ないこともわかる。

【0140】図10(b)は、同様に本発明によるトリム抑制効果を示す。図中の実線は本発明による制御の場合、破線は未制御の場合、二点鎖線は全域にわたりピッチング制御を行った場合をそれぞれ示す。

【0141】これらから明らかなように、本発明実施例によりプレーニング前のトリム抑制制御による船首浮き上がり防止効果が得られるだけでなく、トリム抑制未制御領域であるプレーニング後においてもトリム抑制効果が継続することが良くわかる。

【0142】また低速域および最高速域においてトリム抑制制御を行っても、効果が小さいことも良くわかる。

【0143】以上、上記実施例の構成、制御ロジック、作用、効果について説明したが、本発明は上記実施例の構成および制御ロジックに限定されるものではない。

【0144】例えば、第5式および第6式における各第2項および各第3項については制御精度を高めるための補正項であり、これらいずれかまたは双方を省略するこ

とも可能である。

【0145】また、タブ角偏差計算部32、33において第7式により偏差角度 θ を求めた上で出力部34、35にトリムタブのアップ・ダウン信号を出力して駆動しているが、目標値選択部30、31で選択されたタブ角目標値そのものでトリムタブを駆動することも可能である。

【0146】この場合、タブ角偏差計算部32、33およびトリムタブ角度センサー16R、16Lが省略可能となる。

【0147】またこの構成において制御後のロール角との比較演算を行い、学習による偏差のフィードバック等も可能であることは言うまでもない。

【0148】実施例中の各センサについても、前記制御が可能であれば固有の物に限定されず、また1つで複数の機能を有する物であっても良いことは言うまでもない。

【0149】

【発明の効果】以上より明らかなように請求項1の発明によればトリムタブの制御を船体のロール角度、ヨー角度、船速に応じて自動制御することができ高精度の姿勢制御を自動的に行なうことができる。

【0150】請求項2の発明によればトリムタブの制御をロール角度、ヨー角度、船速と検出したトリムタブ角度に応じて自動制御することができ、より高精度の姿勢制御を自動的に行なうことができる。

【0151】請求項3の発明によればヨー角度信号と速度信号とより船の航行状態を判定し、これによってトリムタブの角度を制御することができる。従って、船の航行状態に合わせ効率的かつ高精度の姿勢制御を自動的に行なうことができる。

【0152】請求項4の発明によればヨー角度変化率、速度レベル判定に基づいて航行状態の判定を行ない制御方法の切替えを行なうことができる。そして制御方法の切替え信号によりタブ角度目標値の選択を行い駆動信号を出力することができる。従ってより高精度の姿勢制御を自動的に行なうことができる。

【0153】請求項5の発明では航行条件に応じて選択したヒール角度制御、旋回時制御、船首浮き上がり状態におけるトリム角度制御において決定された目標値を出力し航行条件に応じた制御を適確に行なうことができる。

【0154】請求項6の発明ではヨー角度信号と速度信号とより航行状態を判定しヒール角度信号とトリムタブ角度信号とによりトリムタブの角度を制御することができ、より適確な制御を行なうことができる。

【0155】請求項7の発明によれば旋回時と判断したときトリムタブを予め設定された目標値に制御し旋回時の制御をより適確に行なうことができる。

【0156】請求項8の発明によれば船首浮き上がり状

態におけるトリム角度制御を適確に行なうことができる。

【0157】請求項9の発明によれば船体のロール方向の角速度を振動ジャイロで検出し、角速度を積分してロール角度を算出し正確な制御を行なうことができる。

【0158】請求項10の発明では船体のロール方向の加速度を加速度計で検出し、この加速度に基づき船体の傾斜角を算出してロール角度とし、正確な制御を行なうことができる。

10 【0159】請求項11の発明では船体のロール方向の傾斜角を傾斜計で検出してロール角度とし正確な制御を行なうことができる。

【0160】請求項12の発明では船体の相対方位を磁気センサで検出し、これをヨー角度として出力して正確な制御を行なうことができる。

【0161】請求項13の発明ではトリムタブの制御を、自動と手動とに任意に切替えて行なうことができ自動制御が故障した場合にも対応することが可能である。

【図面の簡単な説明】

20 【図1】この発明の実施例を適用した船体を上部から見たシステムの構成図である。

【図2】この発明の一実施例に係るコントローラの構成図である。

【図3】船の船速とトリム角度との一般的な関係を示すグラフである。

【図4】この発明の一実施例に係る制御パターンを示す図表である。

【図5】この発明の一実施例に係る全体的なフローチャートである。

30 【図6】制御方法の切替えに係るフローチャートである。

【図7】タブ角度計算に係るフローチャートである。

【図8】目標値選択に係るフローチャートである。

【図9】タブ角度偏差計算出力に係るフローチャートである。

【図10】効果を示すグラフである。

【符号の説明】

1 船体

2 ハンドル

3 ワイヤ

4 エンジン

5 スクリュー

6 R、6 L トリムタブ

7 R、7 L シリンダ（駆動手段）

8 R、8 L 油圧モータ（駆動手段）

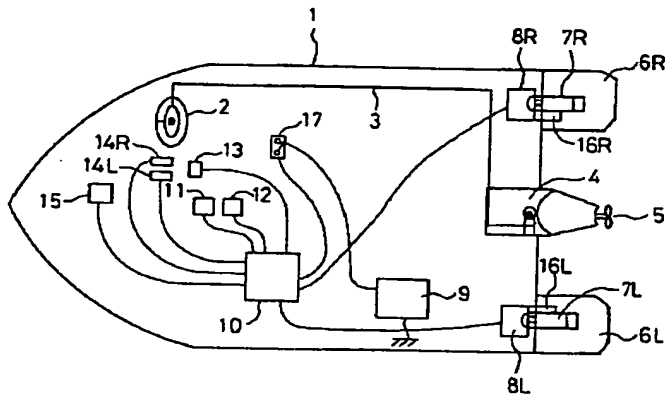
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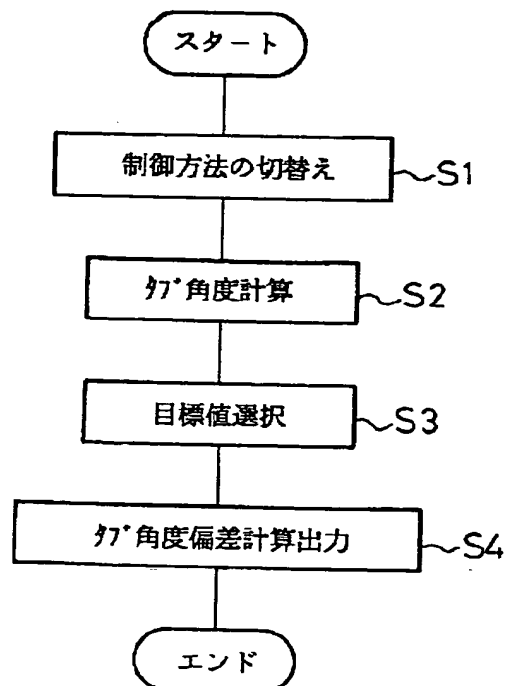
13 切り換えスイッチ

50 14 R、14 L トリムタブ手動操作スイッチ

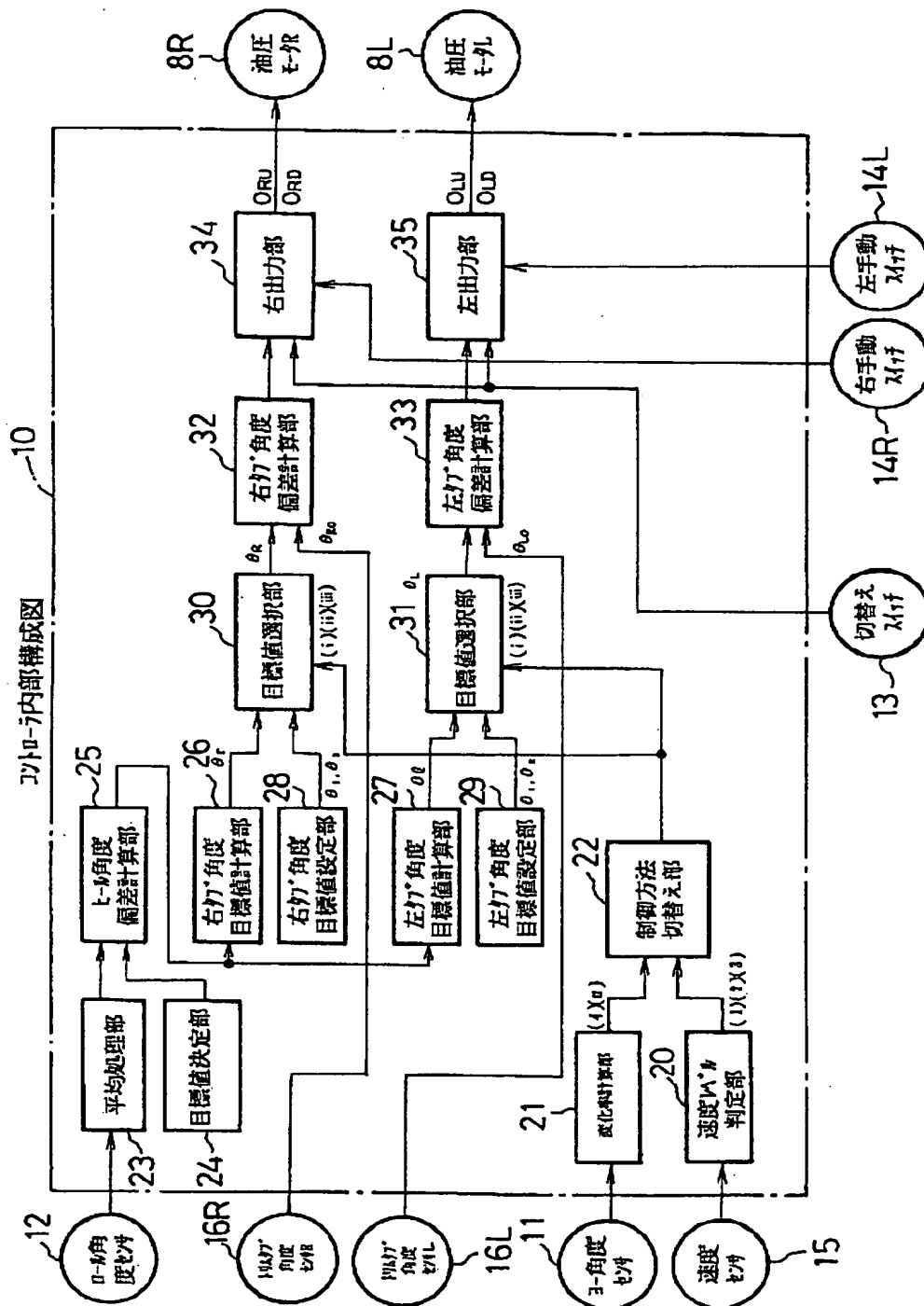


【图 5】

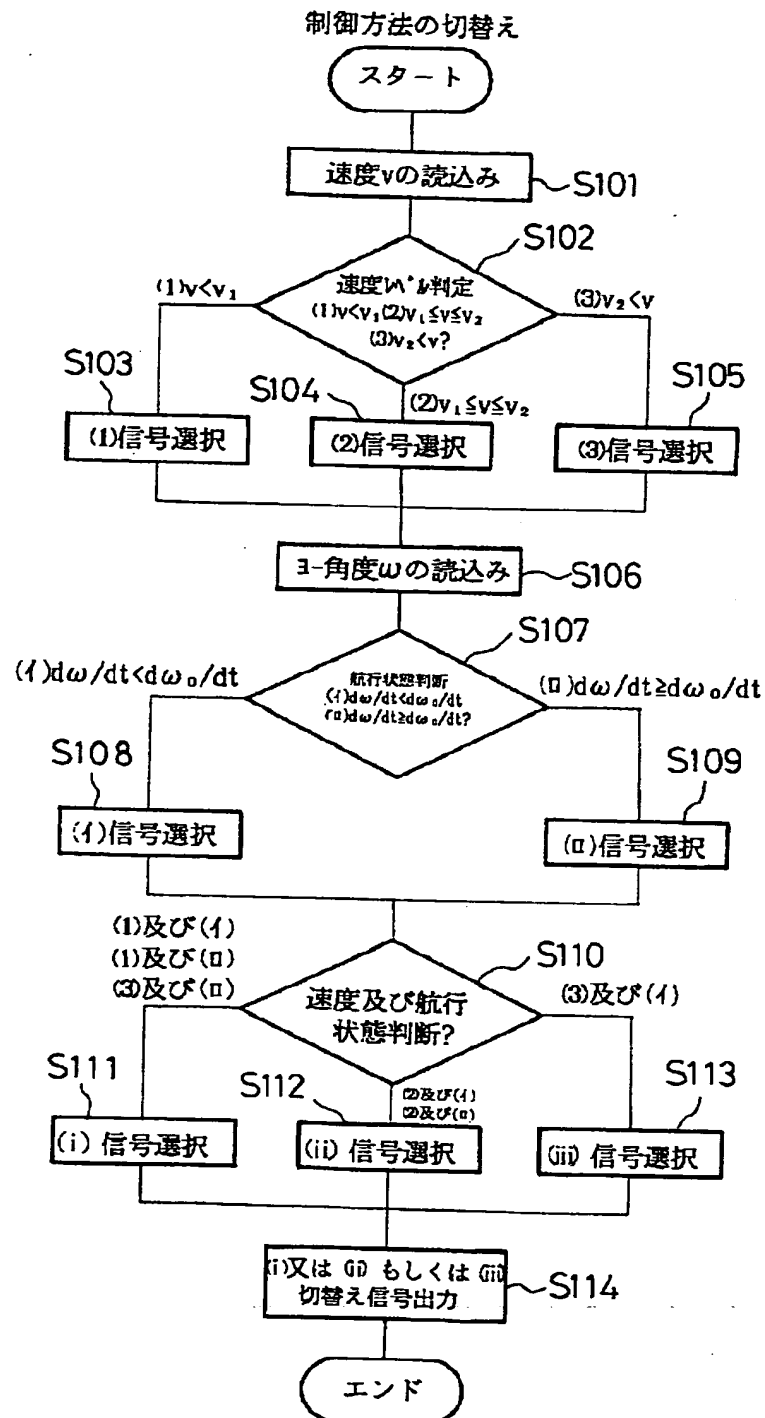
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(1)	(4)	(i)
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2	(4)	(ii)
	(a)	(ii)
3	(4)	(iii)
	(a)	(i)



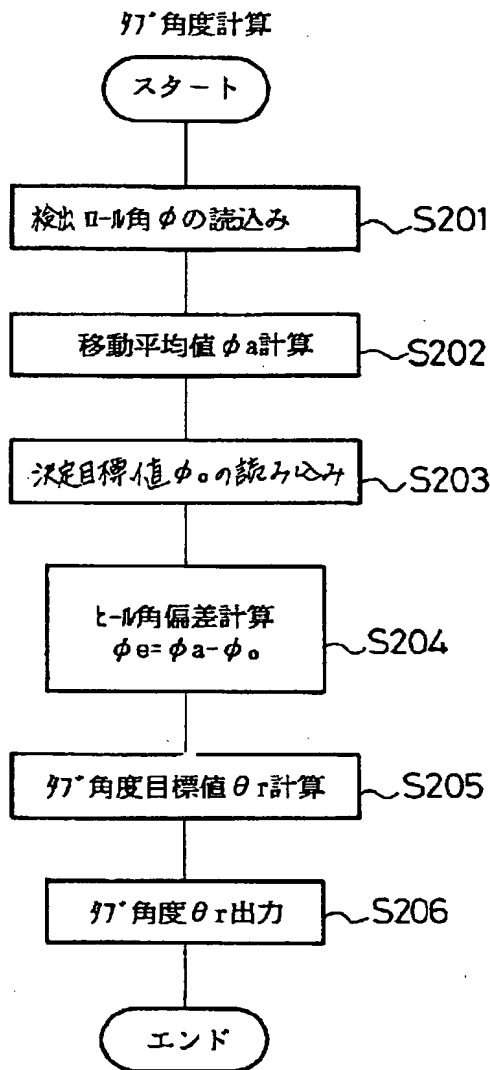
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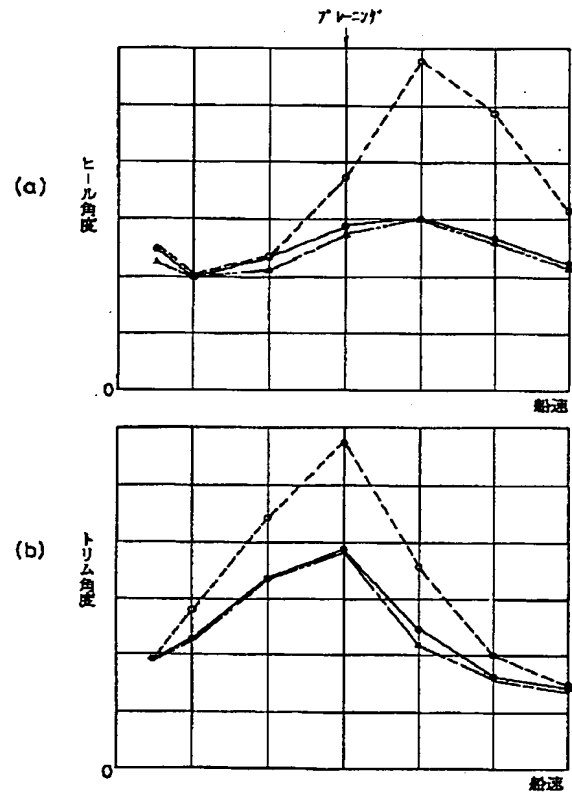
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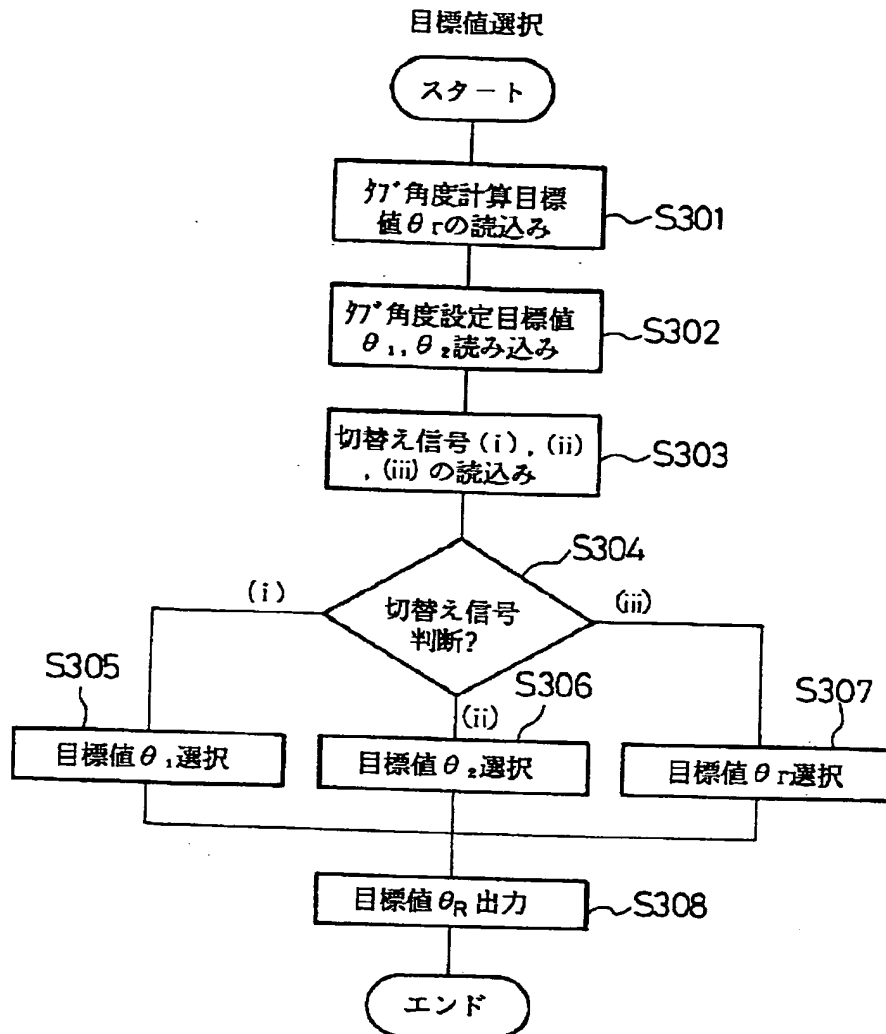
【図7】



【図10】

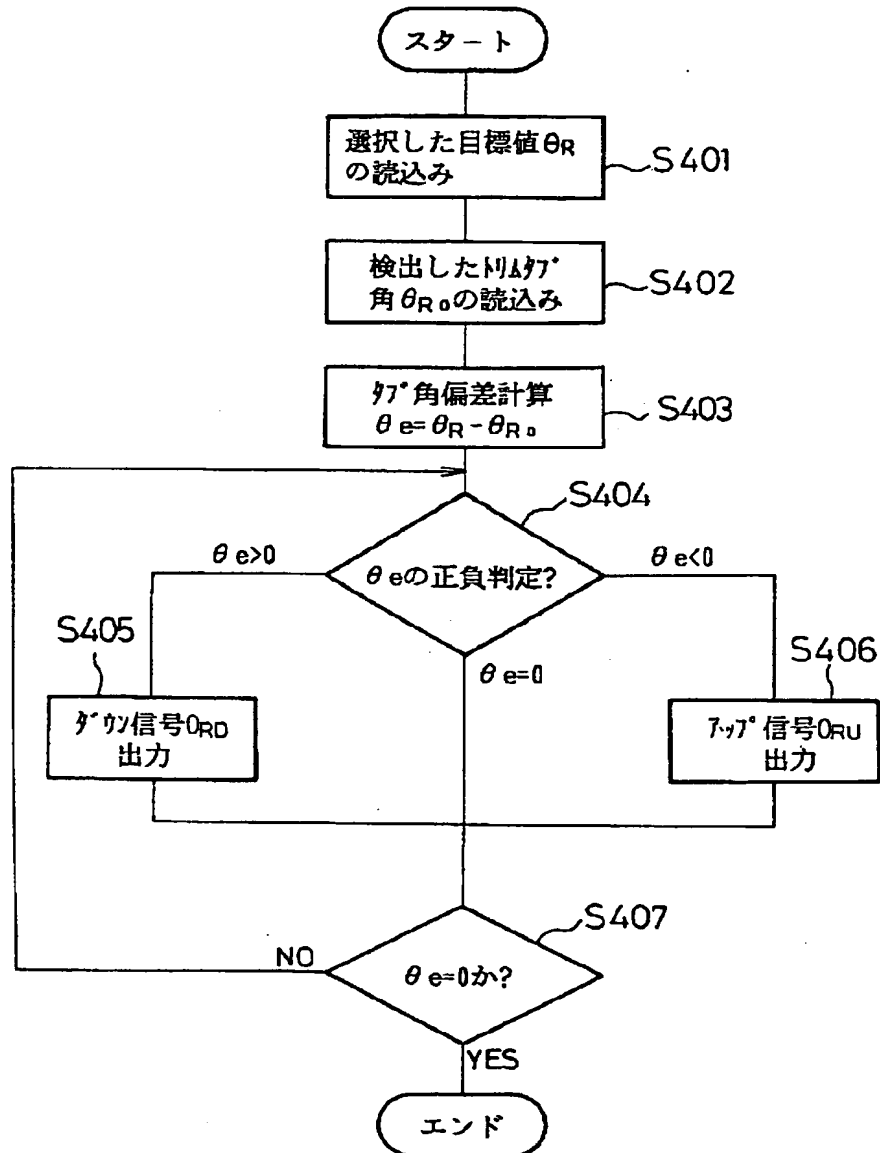


【図8】



【図9】

77°角度偏差計算出力



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] Automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel characterized by providing the following The roll angle sensor which outputs a roll include-angle signal according to the roll include angle of a hull The driving means which changes the include angle of a trim tab according to the output signal which connects with the yaw angle sensor which outputs a yaw include-angle signal according to the yaw include angle of a hull, the rate sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, the trim tab which controls the posture of a hull, the controller which outputs a signal according to the NAV conditions from said sensor, and this controller, and is sent from a controller

[Claim 2] Automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel characterized by providing the following The roll angle sensor which outputs a roll include-angle signal according to the roll include angle of a hull The driving means which changes the include angle of a trim tab according to the output signal which connects with the yaw angle sensor which outputs a yaw include-angle signal according to the yaw include angle of a hull, the rate sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, the trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an include-angle signal according to the drive include angle of a trim tab, the trim tab which controls the posture of a hull, the controller which outputs a signal according to the NAV conditions from said sensor, and this controller, and is sent from a controller

[Claim 3] It is automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel which is equipped with the following and characterized by said controller controlling the include angle of said trim tab by said roll include-angle signal and said trim-tab include-angle signal according to a NAV condition while judging the NAV condition of a ship from said yaw include-angle signal and said speed signal. The trim tab which controls the posture of a hull The controller which outputs a signal according to NAV conditions The driving means which changes the include angle of a trim tab according to the output signal which connects with this controller and is sent from a controller The roll angle sensor which outputs a roll include-angle signal according to the roll include angle of a hull, the yaw include-angle signal sensor which outputs a yaw include-angle signal according to the yaw include angle of a hull, the rate sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and the trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an include-angle signal according to the drive include angle of a trim tab

[Claim 4] Automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel characterized by providing the following. The trim tab which controls the posture of a hull The controller which outputs a signal according to NAV conditions The driving means which changes the include angle of a trim tab according to the output signal which connects with this controller and is sent from a controller The roll angle sensor which outputs a roll include-angle signal according to the roll include angle of a hull, The yaw angle sensor which outputs a yaw include-angle signal according to the yaw include angle of a hull, It consists of a rate sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and a trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an include-angle signal according to the drive include angle of a trim tab. The rate-of-change count section which said controller considers said yaw include-angle signal as an input, and outputs a yaw angular rate signal, The velocity level judging section which considers a speed signal as an input and outputs a velocity level signal, The average processing section which has the control approach change section which considers said yaw angular rate signal and said velocity level signal as an input, judges a NAV condition, and outputs a control change signal, and equalizes said roll include-angle signal, and outputs a heel include-angle signal, The heel include-angle deflection count section which considers a heel include-angle signal and a heel include-angle desired value signal as an input, and outputs a heel include-angle deflection signal, The tab include-angle desired value count section which considers a heel include-angle deflection signal as an input, and calculates the desired value of a trim-tab include angle, The desired

value selection section which has the tab include-angle desired value setting section which has set up the target trim-tab include angle beforehand, chooses tab include-angle desired value with said control approach change signal further, and outputs tab include-angle desired value, The output section which considers as an input the tab include-angle deflection signal and tab include-angle deflection signal which consider tab include-angle desired value and a trim-tab include-angle signal as an input, and calculate tab include-angle deflection, and outputs a driving signal

[Claim 5] claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, or the automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 4 -- it is -- said controller -- each of said sensor signal -- an input -- carry out -- NAV conditions -- respond -- heel include angle control and revolution tense -- a bow -- the automatic attitude control equipment of the vessel characterize by to output the desired value which chose control whenever [in a relief condition / angle of trim], and was determined in each control approach.

[Claim 6] It is automatic attitude control equipment of the vessel characterized by being automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 5, and for said heel include-angle control judging a NAV condition with said yaw include-angle signal and said speed signal, and controlling the include angle of said trim tab by the heel include-angle signal and said trim-tab include-angle signal.

[Claim 7] Automatic attitude control equipment of the vessel characterized by controlling a trim tab to the desired value set up beforehand when it is automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 5, a NAV condition is judged from said yaw include-angle signal and said speed signal and it is judged as the time of revolution.

[Claim 8] the automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 5 -- it is -- said bow -- the automatic attitude control equipment of the vessel characterized by for control judging a NAV condition from said speed signal, and controlling a trim tab to the desired value set up beforehand whenever [in a relief condition / angle-of-trim].

[Claim 9] It is automatic attitude control equipment of the vessel characterized by being claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 8, and for said roll include angle detecting the angular velocity of the roll direction of a hull with an oscillating gyroscope, and integrating with and computing said angular velocity.

[Claim 10] It is automatic attitude control equipment of the vessel characterized by being claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 8, and for said roll include angle detecting the acceleration of the roll direction of a hull with an accelerometer, and computing the tilt angle of said hull based on said acceleration.

[Claim 11] It is automatic attitude control equipment of the vessel characterized by being claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 8, and said roll include angle detecting the tilt angle of the roll direction of a hull with an inclinometer.

[Claim 12] It is claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 8, and said yaw include angle detects the relative bearing of a hull with a magnetometric sensor, and is characterized by outputting this as a yaw include angle. Automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel

[Claim 13] Automatic attitude control equipment of the vessel which is automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 5, has the device which controls said trim tab automatically, and the device driven with hand control, and is characterized by being switchable to arbitration in this automatic and hand control.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Industrial Application] This invention relates to the automatic attitude control equipment of the vessel which controls the include angle of a trim tab automatically in order to stabilize the posture of vessels, such as a motorboat.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] As automatic attitude control equipment of the conventional vessel, there are some which were shown, for example in JP,3-82697,A and JP,3-114996,A.

[0003] The thing of JP,3-82697,A is a configuration which similarly controls a trim-tab include angle according to the output of a sensor and a roll angle sensor whenever [torque-sensor / which detects the amount of operation /, and pitch angle / which detects the posture of a hull according to the output of the rate sensor which detects vessel speed].

[0004] In JP,3-114996,A, it has composition which similarly controls a trim-tab include angle according to the output of a sensor and a roll angle sensor whenever [pitch angle / which detects the posture of a hull].

[0005]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] However, the thing given in JP,3-82697,A did not detect the posture of a hull itself, but determined the include angle of a trim tab uniquely that a bow will not come floating according to vessel speed at the time of abbreviation rectilinear propagation, and since it had become the configuration which controls the include angle of a trim tab so that the heel (heel angle) of a hull might be made to ease according to amounts of control at the time of the reliance rudder operation by the time of revolution, a flank wind, etc., it had caused the following problems.

[0006] ** A heel and rolling cannot be completely prevented at the time of abbreviation rectilinear propagation.

[0007] ** Since it becomes the factor which loses the travelling-figure balance of a ship, it is not effective to control a trim-tab include angle regardless of the posture of the hull before revolution steering and under revolution steering at the time of revolution.

[0008] Moreover, controlling a trim tab in the direction which reduces the inner inclination which is an effective posture for originally resisting a centrifugal force (lateral acceleration) at the time of revolution increases the lateral acceleration which crew feels, and it may give crew sense of incongruity.

[0009] Although a thing given in JP,3-114996,A, on the other hand, also has the composition which detects whenever [pitch-angle], and the roll include angle showing the posture of a ship itself, is the configuration which controls a trim-tab include angle, gives and carries out the comparison operation of whenever [target pitch-angle], and the target roll include angle further, and controls a trim-tab include angle and control of a roll include angle and whenever [pitch-angle] was always performing regardless of the NAV condition of a ship, there were the following problems.

[0010] ** Since yaw include-angle change or rudder angle change of a ship is not detected, revolution steering for course modification will not be able to be detected and it will be controlled in the direction which reduces an inner inclination too at the time of revolution.

[0011] ** Since the agitation angle is always controlled, the load of the actuators (a motor, oil hydraulic cylinder, etc.) which drive a trim tab becomes high.

[0012] Then, this invention aims at offer of the automatic attitude control equipment of the vessel which can double with the NAV condition of a ship and can perform efficient and highly precise attitude control.

[0013]

[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to solve the above-mentioned technical problem invention of claim 1 The roll angle sensor which outputs a roll include-angle signal according to the roll include angle of a hull, The yaw angle sensor which outputs a yaw include-angle signal according to the yaw include angle of a hull, The rate sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and the trim tab which controls the posture of a hull, the controller which outputs a signal according to the NAV conditions from said sensor, and the driving means which changes the include angle of a trim tab according to the output signal which connects with this controller and is sent from a controller -- since -- it is characterized by becoming.

[0014] The roll angle sensor to which invention of claim 2 outputs a roll include-angle signal according to the roll include angle of a hull, The yaw angle sensor which outputs a yaw include-angle signal according to the yaw include angle of a hull, The rate sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and the trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an include-angle signal according to the drive include angle of a trim tab, It connects with the trim tab which controls the posture of a hull, the controller which outputs a signal according to the NAV conditions from said sensor, and this controller, and is characterized by consisting of a driving means which changes the include angle of a trim tab according to the output signal sent from a controller.

[0015] The trim tab by which invention of claim 3 controls the posture of a hull, and the controller which outputs a signal according to NAV conditions, The driving means which changes the include angle of a trim tab according to the output signal which connects with this controller and is sent from a controller, The roll angle sensor which outputs a roll include-angle signal according to the roll include angle of a hull, The yaw include-angle signal sensor which outputs a yaw include-angle signal according to the yaw include angle of a hull, It consists of a rate sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and a trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an include-angle signal according to the drive include angle of a trim tab. Said controller is characterized by controlling the include angle of said trim tab by said roll include-angle signal and said trim-tab include-angle signal according to a NAV condition while it judges the NAV condition of a ship from said yaw include-angle signal and said speed signal.

[0016] The trim tab by which invention of claim 4 controls the posture of a hull, and the controller which outputs a signal according to NAV conditions, The driving means which changes the include angle of a trim tab according to the output signal which connects with this controller and is sent from a controller, The roll angle sensor which outputs a roll include-angle signal according to the roll include angle of a hull, The yaw angle sensor which outputs a yaw include-angle signal according to the yaw include angle of a hull, It consists of a rate sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and a trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an include-angle signal according to the drive include angle of a trim tab. The rate-of-change count section which said controller considers said yaw include-angle signal as an input, and outputs a yaw angular rate signal, The velocity level judging section which considers a speed signal as an input and outputs a velocity level signal, The average processing section which has the control approach change section which considers said yaw angular rate signal and said velocity level signal as an input, judges a NAV condition, and outputs a control change signal, and equalizes said roll include-angle signal, and outputs a heel include-angle signal, The heel include-angle deflection count section which considers a heel include-angle signal and a heel include-angle desired value signal as an input, and outputs a heel include-angle deflection signal, The tab include-angle desired value count section which considers a heel include-angle deflection signal as an input, and calculates the desired value of a trim-tab include angle, The desired value selection section which has the tab include-angle desired value setting section which has set up the target trim-tab include angle beforehand, chooses tab include-angle desired value with said control approach change signal further, and outputs tab include-angle desired value, It is characterized by having the output section which considers as an input the tab include-angle deflection signal and tab include-angle deflection signal which consider tab include-angle desired value and a trim-tab include-angle signal as an input, and calculate tab include-angle deflection, and outputs a driving signal.

[0017] invention of claim 5 -- claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, or the automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 4 -- it be -- said controller -- said each sensor signal -- an input -- carry out -- NAV conditions -- respond -- heel include angle control and revolution tense -- a bow -- control be choose whenever [in a relief condition / angle of trim], and it be characterize by output the desired value determined in each control approach.

[0018] Invention of claim 6 is automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 5, and said heel include-angle control judges a NAV condition with said yaw include-angle signal and said speed signal, and is characterized by controlling the include angle of said trim tab by the heel include-angle signal and said trim-tab include-angle signal.

[0019] It is characterized by invention of claim 7 controlling a trim tab to the desired value set up beforehand, when it is automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 5, a NAV condition is judged from said yaw include-angle signal and said speed signal and it is judged as the time of revolution.

[0020] invention of claim 8 -- the automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 5 -- it is -- said bow -- it is characterized by for control judging a NAV condition from said speed signal, and controlling a trim tab to the desired value set up beforehand whenever [in a relief condition / angle-of-trim].

[0021] Invention of claim 9 is claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 8, and said roll include angle detects the angular velocity of the roll direction of a hull with an oscillating gyroscope, and is characterized by integrating with and computing said angular velocity.

[0022] Invention of claim 10 is claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 8, and said roll include angle detects the acceleration of the roll direction of a hull with an accelerometer, and is characterized by computing the tilt angle of said hull based on said acceleration.

[0023] Invention of claim 11 is claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 8, and said roll include angle is characterized by detecting the tilt angle of the roll direction of a hull with an inclinometer.

[0024] Invention of claim 12 is claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 8, and said yaw include angle detects the relative bearing of a hull with a magnetometric sensor, and is characterized by outputting this as a yaw include angle.

[0025] Invention of claim 13 is automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 5, has the device which controls said trim tab automatically, and the device driven with hand control, and is characterized by being switchable to arbitration in this automatic and hand control.

[0026]

[Function] According to invention of claim 1 of the above-mentioned means, based on the roll include angle of a hull, a yaw include angle, and vessel speed, a driving means can be controlled by the controller and the include angle of a trim tab can be changed.

[0027] According to invention of claim 2, based on the roll include angle of a hull, a yaw include angle, and the include angle of vessel speed and a trim tab, a controller can control a driving means, and the include angle of a trim tab can be changed.

[0028] According to invention of claim 3, from a yaw include-angle signal and a speed signal, the NAV condition of a ship can be judged and the include angle of a trim tab can be controlled by the roll include-angle signal and the trim-tab include-angle signal according to a NAV condition.

[0029] According to invention of claim 4, input a yaw angular rate and a velocity level and a NAV condition is judged. Heel include-angle deflection is calculated with the heel include-angle signal and heel include-angle desired value signal which enabled the change of the control approach based on the judgment of this NAV condition, and equalized the roll include-angle signal. The desired value of a trim-tab include angle is calculated by considering this heel include-angle deflection signal as an input. Moreover, a target trim-tab include angle is set up beforehand, tab include-angle desired value is further chosen with the control approach change signal, tab angle desired value is outputted, tab include-angle deflection can be calculated by the ability to input tab include-angle desired value and a trim-tab include-angle signal, and a driving signal can be outputted.

[0030] according to invention of claim 5 -- a NAV condition -- responding -- heel include-angle control and revolution tense -- a bow -- the trim-tab include-angle control in a relief condition can be chosen, and the desired value determined in each control approach can be outputted.

[0031] According to invention of claim 6, from a yaw include-angle signal and a speed signal, a NAV condition can be judged, the include angle of a trim tab can be controlled by the heel include-angle signal and the trim-tab include-angle signal, and heel include-angle control can be performed.

[0032] According to invention of claim 7, when a NAV condition is judged and it is judged as the time of revolution from a yaw include-angle signal and a speed signal, a trim tab can be set as the desired value set up beforehand.

[0033] According to invention of claim 8, a NAV condition can be judged with a speed signal and a trim tab can be controlled to the desired value set up beforehand.

[0034] According to invention of claim 9, a roll include angle can be computed by the ability for an oscillating gyroscope to detect the angular velocity of the roll direction of a hull, and integrate with angular velocity.

[0035] According to invention of claim 10, an accelerometer can detect the acceleration of the roll direction of a hull, the tilt angle of a hull can be computed based on this acceleration, and it can ask for a roll include angle.

[0036] According to invention of claim 11, an inclinometer can detect the tilt angle of the roll direction of a hull, and it can ask for a roll include angle.

[0037] According to invention of claim 12, a magnetometric sensor can detect the relative bearing of a hull and this can be outputted as a yaw include angle.

[0038] According to invention of claim 13, automatic and hand control can be changed to arbitration and a trim tab can be controlled.

[0039]

[Example] Hereafter, the example of this invention is explained.

[0040] Drawing 1 is the general drawing of a system configuration seen from the hull upper part.

[0041] 1 is a hull, 2 is a handle and he is trying for the turning effort of a handle 2 to rock a screw 5 right and left through a wire 3. Said screw 5 which can give turning effort with an engine 4 is connected to an engine 4. He changes the direction of a thrust and is trying to make it circle in a hull by rocking a screw 5 right and left by rotation of a handle 2.

[0042] The yaw angle sensor 11 which detects the deflection include angle to the longitudinal direction of a bow, the roll angle sensor 12 which detects the agitation angle of the longitudinal direction of a hull, and the rate sensor 15 which detects the rate of a hull are connected to a controller 10. In addition, a roll include angle can detect the angular velocity of the roll direction to a hull with an oscillating gyroscope, and can integrate with and compute said angular velocity. Moreover, it can ask by an accelerometer's detecting the acceleration of the roll direction of a hull and computing the tilt angle of a hull based on this acceleration. Furthermore, it can ask for a roll include angle by detecting the tilt angle of the roll direction of a hull with an inclinometer. A yaw include angle can detect the relative bearing of a hull with a magnetometric sensor, and can output this as a yaw include angle.

[0043] He is trying to input into a controller 10 the yaw include-angle signal omega detected by said yaw angle sensor 11, the roll include-angle signal phi detected by the roll angle sensor 12, and the speed signal upsilon detected by the rate sensor 15, respectively.

[0044] Moreover, the manually-operated switch (14R for right trim tabs, 14L for left trim tabs) for operating manually the transfer switch 13 and trim tabs 6R and 6L which switch whether the angle sensor (16R for right trim tabs, 16L for left trim tabs) which detects the include angle of trim tabs 6R and 6L, and trim tabs 6R and 6L are controlled automatically, or it operates manually is connected to a controller 10.

[0045] Furthermore, the controller 10 is connected with the dc-battery 9 through an electric power switch 17. When an electric power switch 17 is OFF, it has composition which actuation of a controller 10 suspends.

[0046] The controller 10 has connected the output to the driving means which changes the include angle of trim tabs 6R and 6L according to the signal outputted from a controller 10.

[0047] The driving means of the trim tabs 6R and 6L of this example is constituted as follows. An output signal is embraced from a controller 10, and hydraulic motors 8R and 8L are rotated normally and reversed. According to normal rotation of hydraulic motors 8R and 8L and reversal, Cylinders 7R and 7L perform flexible movement. Trim tabs 6R and 6L are made to move up and down by flexible movement of these cylinders 7R and 7L.

[0048] Next, drawing 2 explains the internal configuration of a controller 10.

[0049] A speed signal upsilon is first inputted into a controller 10 from said rate sensor 15, and this speed signal v is sent to the velocity level judging section 20.

[0050] The constant value v_1 for judging a NAV condition and v_2 (v_1 and $<v_2$) are beforehand set as the interior by this velocity level judging section 20. v_1 the bow of a ** idling condition and a ship -- it is boundary value with a relief condition. v_2 It is the boundary value of a ***** relief condition and a plane condition. This v_1 and v_2 A value can be set as any value according to the NAV conditions of a ship, or the property of a hull.

[0051] In addition, a property as generally shown in drawing 3 has the relation between vessel speed and an angle of trim.

[0052] In said velocity level judging section 20, the velocity level of a ship is classified into the following three kinds by the following judgment type.

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[0053]

(1) $v < v_1$ (idling condition)

(2) $v_1 \leq v \leq v_2$ (bow relief condition)

(3) $v_2 < v_1$ (plane condition) -- At the time of the conditions of the 1st formula (1) (1) signal is outputted to the control approach change section 22.

[0054] At the time of the conditions of (2) (2) signals are outputted to the control approach change section 22.

[0055] At the time of the conditions of (3) (3) signals are outputted to the control approach change section 22.

[0056] Moreover, if the yaw include-angle signal ϵ is inputted into a controller 10 from said yaw angle sensor 11, this yaw include-angle signal ω will be sent to the rate-of-change count section 21.

[0057] Yaw angular rate which is yaw include-angle change for every unit time amount according to the yaw include-angle signal ω inputted in this rate-of-change count section 21 $d\omega/dt$ It calculates. And calculated yaw angular rate $d\omega/dt$ The rate-of-change count section 21 carries out a comparison operation to constant value $d\omega_{gao}/dt$ set up beforehand, and chooses an output signal. $d\omega_{gao}/dt$ is boundary value the NAV condition of a ship judges the time of current, rectilinear propagation, and revolution to be. this -- The value of $d\omega_{gao}/dt$ can be set as any value according to the NAV conditions of a ship, or the property of a hull. (**) $d\omega/dt < d\omega_{gao}/dt$ (at the time of rectilinear propagation)

(**) $d\omega/dt \geq d\omega_{gao}/dt$ (at the time of revolution) -- 2nd formula (b) At the time of conditions (b) A signal is outputted to the control approach change section 22.

[0058] (b) At the time of ***** (b) A signal is outputted to the control approach change section 22.

[0059] Instruction signal when the velocity level signal from the aforementioned velocity level judging section 20 and the rate-of-change signal from the aforementioned rate-of-change count section 21 are inputted into the control approach change section 22, as shown in drawing 4 in the control approach change section 22 with the combination of the velocity level signal and rate-of-change signal which were inputted (i) - (iii) It determines and outputs to the desired value selection sections 30 and 31.

[0060] Change instruction signal (i) - (iii) (i) Instruction signal changed into the condition of having raised the trim tab to the top

(ii) Instruction signal which changes a trim tab into the condition of having lowered to the bottom

(iii) Instruction signal which performs heel include-angle control

It means.

[0061] Namely, it is a change instruction signal (i) regardless of a judgment at the time of rectilinear propagation [in / when the velocity level of the ship in the 1st formula is judged to be an idling condition / the 2nd formula], and revolution. That is, a trim tab is controlled in the condition of having raised to the top.

[0062] moreover, the velocity level in the 1st formula -- a bow -- when it judges with a relief condition (run state before plane shift), the change instruction signal (ii) 6R and 6L, i.e., trim tabs, is controlled in the condition of having lowered most, regardless of a judgment at the time of the rectilinear propagation in the 2nd formula, and revolution.

[0063] This has the effective control which was mentioned above and which lowers a bow until it shifts to a plane condition like, and rolling control in this condition and heel include-angle control are because there is little effectiveness.

[0064] furthermore, the case where it is judged with the time of rectilinear propagation by the 2nd formula when the velocity level in the 1st formula is judged to be a plane condition -- change instruction signal (iii) namely, the case where heel include-angle control is judged to be the time of operation and revolution -- change instruction signal (i) That is, it controls in the condition of having raised trim tabs 6R and 6L most.

[0065] Thereby, at the time of rectilinear propagation, only a plane condition carries out heel include-angle control, and it controls not to check the heel which is the property which a ship originally has at the time of revolution.

[0066] On the other hand, the roll include-angle signal ϕ is inputted into a controller 10 from the roll angle sensor 12, and this roll include-angle signal ϕ is sent to the average processing section 23.

[0067] In this average processing section 23, from the inputted roll include-angle signal ϕ , the 3rd following formula is calculated and a moving average deviation is calculated. This moving average deviation is set to heel include-angle ϕ_{hia} .

[0068]

[Equation 1]

$$\phi_{ak} = \frac{1}{n'} \sum_{i=k-n'}^k \phi_i \quad \dots \text{第3式}$$

ここで i は $(k - n')$, $(k - n' + 1)$, $(k - n' + 2)$, ..., k

$$(K - (k - n' + n'))$$

As for roll include-angle ϕ_{iak} in i time, ϕ_{iik} shows the heel include angle in k time.

[0069] ϕ_{iak} , i.e., ϕ_{iik} , is n' . It is the average of the value which ****(ed).

[0070] ϕ_i makes a dextroversion oblique position forward to a travelling direction.

[0071] Heel include-angle ϕ_{ia} calculated by the 3rd formula is made into an output signal, and it outputs to the heel-angle deflection count section 25.

[0072] Target heel include-angle signal ϕ_{io} which shows the target heel include angle beforehand set to this heel-angle deflection count section 25 in the desired value decision section 24 in addition to this It has inputted.

[0073] In this heel-angle deflection count section 25, the 4th following formula is calculated and it asks for heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_{ie} .

[0074] $\phi_{ie} = \phi_{ia} - \phi_{io}$ -- A hull makes the clockwise direction forward to a travelling direction here the 4th formula.

[0075] This heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_{ie} is outputted to the tab include-angle desired value count sections 26 and 27.

[0076] In the tab include-angle desired value count section 26, after judging the positive/negative of ϕ_{ie} based on inputted heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_{ie} , the PID operation of the 5th formula is performed and it asks for tab include-angle desired value θ_r of a right trim tab.

[0077]

[Equation 2]

$\phi_e \geq 0$ なら

$$\theta_r = K_p \phi_e + T_D \frac{d}{dt} \phi_e + \frac{1}{T_I} \int \phi_e dt \quad \dots \text{第5式}$$

$\phi_e < 0$ なら

$$\theta_r = 0$$

ここで、 K_p , T_D , T_I は定数である。

After judging the positive/negative of ϕ_{ie} based on inputted heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_{ie} in the tab angle desired value count section 27, the following PID operation of the 6th formula is performed and it is tab angle desired value θ_{el} of left trim-tab 6L. It asks.

[0078]

[Equation 3]

$\phi_e \geq 0$ なら

$$\theta_d = 0$$

$\phi_e < 0$ なら

$$\theta_d = - \left(K_p \phi_e + T_D \frac{d}{dt} \phi_e + \frac{1}{T_I} \int \phi_e dt \right) \quad \dots \text{第6式}$$

ここで、 K_p 、 T_D 、 T_I は定数である。

In addition, the 1st term $K_p \phi_e$ of the 6th formula gives the tab include angle proportional to heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_e to the 5th formula list. That is, the tab include angle of the right or the left is enlarged, so that the absolute value of heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_e is large.

[0079] This 2nd term does not give the tab include angle proportional to the differential value of heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_e , if this differential value is not large, it gives that much big tab include angle, and it is raising the responsibility which decreases the heel include angle of a hull.

[0080] This 3rd term gives the tab include angle proportional to the integral value of heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_e , and this has given the tab include angle which negates the heel (heel include angle) of the steady hull produced according to the property and external force of a hull.

[0081] Right tab angle desired value θ_{tar} called for here is outputted to the desired value selection section 30.

Moreover, left tab desired value θ_{tal} It is outputted to the desired value selection section 31.

[0082] Explanation to the output signal decision of a right trim tab is given to below. The flow to the output-signal decision of a left trim tab is completely the same as a right trim tab, and explanation is omitted.

[0083] Change instruction signal outputted to the target selection section 30 from the above mentioned control approach change section 22 (i) - (iii) The right tab angle desired value setting section 28 which set up the target tab angle beforehand although tab include-angle desired value θ_{tar} outputted from the right tab include-angle desired value count section 26 was inputted to the target set point θ_1 , and θ_2 It has inputted. Target set point θ_1 It is the set point in the condition of having raised trim-tab 6R most. Target set point θ_2 It is the set point in the condition of having lowered trim-tab 6R most.

[0084] At the desired value selection section 30, it is a change instruction signal (i). - (iii) It corresponds and is desired value θ_{tar} of a right tab include angle, θ_1 , and θ_2 . It chooses. The selection correspondence is as follows.

[0085]

change instruction signal Tab angle desired value (i) The time θ_1 Selection (ii) The time θ_2 Selection (iii) The time θ_{tar} selection -- the right tab include-angle desired value chosen by this -- $\theta_R = \theta_1$ -, θ_2 , or θ_{tar} ** - it carries out.

[0086] Right tab include-angle desired value θ_R chosen in the desired value selection section 30 It is outputted to the right tab angle deflection count section 32.

[0087] Tab angle desired value θ_R inputted into the right tab angle deflection count section 32 Include-angle signal θ_{Ro} detected by trim-tab angle sensor 16R is also inputted into others.

[0088] The 7th following formula is calculated in the right tab angle deflection count section 32, and it is deflection include-angle θ_e . It asks. $\theta_e = \theta_R - \theta_{Ro}$ -- It is θ_e to the 7th formula pan. Positive/negative distinction is performed and it is deviation-angle θ_e . The signal which rises and brings down trim-tab 6R so that it may become zero is determined as follows.

[0089]

thetae When it is forward Down signal (ORD)

thetae When it is negative Rise signal (ORU)

This rise down signal is outputted to the right output section 34.

[0090] In the right output section 34, the change signal and the manual ringing from right manual switch 14R which rise down signal ORU or ORD determined in the right tab angle deflection count section 32 is considered as an input, and also consider an on-off signal as an output from a changeover switch 13 are inputted.

[0091] That is, he is trying to change automatic and manual trim-tab control in the right output section 34 with the change signal inputted from a changeover switch 13.

[0092] When a changeover switch 13 is ON, it considers as automatic, and it outputs to hydraulic-motor 8R by making into an output signal rise down signal ORD or ORU determined above.

[0093] When a changeover switch 13 is OFF, it considers as hand control, and the rise down signal determined by actuation of right manual switch 14R is outputted to hydraulic-motor 8R as an output of the right output section 34.

[0094] Although control of right trim-tab 6R was explained above, the same is said of the left trim-tab 6L.

[0095] Here, there are little increase of water pressure which starts a ship's bottom since the draft of the stern is deep until it goes into a plane condition in a planing boat, and rolling. Actuation which lowers a bow when right and left take down a trim tab conventionally, since the shift to a plane becomes slow while a bow goes up by subduction of the stern on the other hand in the meantime and a front field of view gets worse is performed, and control of the example of this invention also applies to this.

[0096] On the other hand, in a plane condition, a draft becomes shallow and agitation of a ship becomes active. When rolling is compared with pitching in this condition, the pitching period is usually longer and the direction of rolling is felt sensitively. Moreover, although the effectiveness of lowering the bow which went up too much on the structure, as for the attitude control using a trim tab is expectable, there is no effectiveness of raising the bow which fell too much. Therefore, the attitude control in a plane condition has more effective control of rolling.

[0097] However, since a great quantity of loads will be given to a control actuator, always controlling all rolling does not tend to press down the agitation angle (rolling) of a hull itself, and it controls the average attitude angle (this is called heel angle) by the example of this invention.

[0098] Moreover, about the invalid nature of the rolling control at the time of revolution, although it is as above-mentioned, it uses that the level of the yaw angular rate in each differs at the time of rectilinear propagation and revolution for detection of a revolution condition. That is, if level with a yaw angular rate is exceeded, it can be judged as revolution.

[0099] Next, the control action of the above-mentioned controller 10 is explained based on the flow chart of drawing 9 from drawing 5. In addition, also in this explanation, it carries out about control of right trim-tab 6R, and control of left trim-tab 6L is omitted.

[0100] First, overall control is performed like drawing 5. That is, the change of the control approach is performed in step S1. The change of this control approach is said instruction signal (i). An instruction signal (ii) and instruction signal (iii) It is a change.

[0101] Tab include-angle count is performed at step S2. Tab include-angle count is performed based on detection of said roll angle sensor 12 (drawing 1).

[0102] Desired value selection is performed at step S3. Desired value selection embraces a NAV condition and is tab include-angle thetar, theta 1, and theta 2. It chooses.

[0103] In step S4, tab include-angle deflection count and an output are performed. Tab include-angle deflection count is selected desired value thetaR. It is calculated based on the trim-tab include angle detected by trim-tab angle sensor 16R (drawing 1). An output outputs the signal of a rise or a down to hydraulic-motor 8R so that deflection may be set to 0.

[0104] Next, the detail of step S1 - S4 is explained.

[0105] The change of the control approach of said step S1 is performed by the routine of drawing 6. At step S101, reading of the rate v detected by the rate sensor 15 (drawing 1) is performed first.

[0106] The judgment of a velocity level is performed at step S102. It is (1), as this judgment was performed in the velocity level judging section 20 (drawing 1) and being described above. $v < v_1$ (2) $v_1 \leq v \leq v_2$ (3) It is carried out about $v_2 < v$ and is $v < v_1$. A case is (1) at step S103. Selection of a signal is performed.

[0107] $v_1 \leq v \leq v_2$ A case is (2) at step S104. Selection of a signal is performed.

[0108] v2 In <v, set to step S105 and it is (3). Selection of a signal is performed.

[0109] Subsequently, reading of the yaw include angle omega detected by the yaw angle sensor 11 (drawing 1) in step S106 is performed.

[0110] A judgment of a NAV condition is made at step S107. This decision is performed in the rate-of-change count section 21 (drawing 1), and as described above, it carries out about (b) $d\omega/dt < d\omega_0/dt$ (b) $d\omega/dt \geq d\omega_0/dt$.

[0111] In $d\omega/dt < d\omega_0/dt$, selection of a (b) signal is performed in step S108.

[0112] In $d\omega/dt \geq d\omega_0/dt$, selection of a (b) signal is performed at step S109. If these signal selections are performed, based on these signals, a judgment of a rate and a NAV condition will be made in step S110. This judgment is made like said drawing 4 in the control approach change section 22.

[0113] Namely, (1) And (**) and (1) And (**) and (3) It reaches, in (**), it sets to step S111, and is (i). Selection of a signal is performed.

[0114] (2) And (**) and (2) And in (**), selection of the (ii) signal is performed in step S112.

[0115] (3) And when it is (**), set to step S113 (iii). Selection of a signal is performed.

[0116] These (i) A signal and (ii) signal (iii), The change of the control approach can be judged with a signal. therefore, the step S114 -- setting -- (i) or (ii) -- or (iii) it was chosen -- it changes and a signal is outputted.

[0117] Next, tab include-angle count of step S2 of said drawing 5 is performed by the routine of drawing 7 . In step S201, reading of detection roll angle phi is performed first. This reading is based on detection of said roll angle sensor 12 (drawing 1).

[0118] Subsequently, count of moving average deviation phia is performed in step S202. This average processing is performed in the average processing section 23 (drawing 1). Moving average deviation phia is outputted as a heel include angle, as described above.

[0119] It sets to step S203 and is decision target ground phio. Read in is performed. This decision target ground phio It is based on the value beforehand determined in said desired value decision section 24 (drawing 1).

[0120] Heel include-angle deflection count is performed at step S204. This heel include-angle deflection count is performed in the heel include-angle count section 25 (drawing 1), and $\phi_{ie} = \phi_{ia} - \phi_{io}$ is performed.

[0121] At step S205, it is tab include-angle desired value thetar. Count is performed. This count is performed in the right tab include-angle desired value count section 26 (drawing 1), as described above.

[0122] Next, it sets to step S206 and is tab include-angle thetar. An output is performed. This output is performed from the right tab include-angle desired value count section 26 to the desired value selection section 30.

[0123] Desired value selection of step S3 of said drawing 5 is performed based on the routine of drawing 8 . This routine is performed by the desired value selection section 30 (drawing 1).

[0124] It is tab include-angle count desired value thetar at step S301 first. Read in is performed. This desired value thetar It is based on the output from said desired value count section 26 (drawing 1).

[0125] At step S302, it is the tab include-angle setting desired value theta 1 and theta 2. Read in is performed. This desired value theta 1 and theta 2 It is based on the output from the right tab include-angle desired value setting section 28 (drawing 1).

[0126] It changes at step S303 and is a signal (i). (ii) (iii), Read in is performed. This read in is based on the output from said control approach change section 22.

[0127] At step S304, it changes and decision of a signal is performed. (i) It sets to step S305 and a case is desired value theta 1. Selection is performed. In (ii), it sets to step S306 and is desired value theta 2. Selection is performed. (iii) It sets to step S307 and a case is desired value thetar. Selection is performed. The these-chosen desired value theta 1, theta 2, and thetar Either is desired value thetaR. It carries out and is outputted in step S308. This output is performed from said desired value selection section 30 to the right tab include-angle deflection count section 32.

[0128] The tab include-angle deflection count output of step S4 of said drawing 5 is performed by the routine of drawing 9 . This routine is performed by said right tab include-angle deflection count section 32 and the right output section 34.

[0129] The desired value theta 1 first chosen in step S401, theta 2, and thetar Read in is performed. This read in is based on the output from the desired value selection section 30 (drawing 1).

[0130] At step S402, read in of detected trim-tab angle thetaRO is performed. This read in is based on the output from said trim-tab angle sensor 16R (drawing 1).

[0131] Tab angle deflection count is performed at step S403. This count performs $\theta_{\text{ae}} = \theta_{\text{aR}} - \theta_{\text{aRO}}$.

[0132] Subsequently, it sets to step 404 and is θ_{ae} . A positive/negative judging is performed. θ_{ae} When it is forward, the output of the down signal ORD is performed in step S405. θ_{ae} When it is negative, the rise signal ORU is outputted in step S406. Said hydraulic-motor 8R drives and a trim-tab angle is controlled by this output at a down or rise side.

[0133] And decision of being $\theta_{\text{ae}} = 0$ is performed in step S407, and control will be ended if set to 0.

[0134] Thus, according to the NAV condition of a ship, trim tabs 6R and 6L can be controlled, and an efficient and highly precise posture system can be performed automatically. Moreover, the load of hydraulic motors 8L and 8R can be made into min, and endurance and dependability can be improved.

[0135] An example of the effectiveness by the above-mentioned example of this invention is shown in drawing 10.

[0136] Drawing 10 (a) The heel include-angle depressor effect in every rate of a ship in the condition of having received the flank wind at the time of rectilinear propagation is shown.

[0137] In control according [the continuous line in drawing] to this invention example, in not controlling, a broken line shows the case where a two-dot chain line performs rolling control over the whole region, respectively.

[0138] It turns out to disturbance, such as a flank wind, that this invention example has very effective heel include-angle depressor effect so that clearly from these.

[0139] Moreover, since it is small, not in extent as which human being senses displeasure but in this field, the control effectiveness is known by that it is few, as the inclination in the field in front of non-controlled heel include-angle play NINGU was described above.

[0140] Drawing 10 (b) The trim depressor effect by this invention is shown similarly. In control according [the continuous line in drawing] to this invention, in not controlling, a broken line shows the case where a two-dot chain line performs pitching control over the whole region, respectively.

[0141] the bow according to the trim inhibitory control before play NINGU by this invention example so that clearly from these -- it turns out well the relief prevention effectiveness is not only acquired, but that trim depressor effect continues after play NINGU which is trim control sheep regulatory region.

[0142] Moreover, even if it performs trim inhibitory control in a low-speed area and the maximum high-speed region, effectiveness is well known by that it is small.

[0143] As mentioned above, although the configuration of the above-mentioned example, control logic, an operation, and effectiveness were explained, this invention is not limited to the configuration and control logic of the above-mentioned example.

[0144] For example, it is a correction term for raising control precision about each 2nd term and each 3rd term in the 5th formula and the 6th formula, and it is also possible to omit one of these or both sides.

[0145] Moreover, it sets in the tab angle deflection count sections 32 and 33, and is deflection include-angle θ_{ae} by the 7th formula. Although the rise down signal of a trim tab is outputted and driven in the output sections 34 and 35 after asking, it is also possible to drive a trim tab with the tab angle desired value itself chosen in the desired value selection sections 30 and 31.

[0146] In this case, the tab angle deflection count sections 32 and 33 and the trim-tab angle sensors 16R and 16L become omissible.

[0147] Moreover, in this configuration, a comparison operation with the roll angle after control is performed, and it cannot be overemphasized that feedback of the deflection by study etc. is possible.

[0148] It cannot be overemphasized that you may be the object which will not be limited to the object of a proper if said control is possible, and has two or more functions by one also about each sensor in an example.

[0149]

[Effect of the Invention] As mentioned above, according to invention of claim 1, control of a trim tab can be automatically controlled according to the roll include angle of a hull, a yaw include angle, and vessel speed, and highly precise attitude control can be automatically performed so that clearly.

[0150] According to invention of claim 2, control of a trim tab can be automatically controlled according to a roll include angle, a yaw include angle, and vessel speed and the detected trim-tab include angle, and highly precise attitude control can be performed automatically.

[0151] According to invention of claim 3, from a yaw include-angle signal and a speed signal, the NAV condition of a ship can be judged and the include angle of a trim tab can be controlled by this. Therefore, it can double with the NAV

condition of a ship and efficient and highly precise attitude control can be performed automatically.

[0152] According to invention of claim 4, a NAV condition can be judged based on a yaw angular rate and a velocity level judging, and the control approach can be changed. And tab include-angle desired value can be chosen with the change signal of the control approach, and a driving signal can be outputted. Therefore, highly precise attitude control can be performed automatically.

[0153] the heel include-angle control chosen according to NAV conditions in invention of claim 5, and revolution tense -- a bow -- the desired value determined in control whenever [in a relief condition / angle-of-trim] is outputted, and control according to NAV conditions can be performed accurately.

[0154] In invention of claim 6, from a yaw include-angle signal and a speed signal, a NAV condition can be judged, the include angle of a trim tab can be controlled with a heel include-angle signal and a trim-tab include-angle signal, and more accurate control can be performed.

[0155] When it is judged as the time of revolution according to invention of claim 7, a trim tab can be controlled to the desired value set up beforehand, and control at the time of revolution can be performed more accurately.

[0156] according to invention of claim 8 -- a bow -- it is [whenever / angle-of-trim / in a relief condition] accurately controllable.

[0157] A roll include angle can be computed by the ability for an oscillating gyroscope to detect the angular velocity of the roll direction of a hull according to invention of claim 9, and integrate with angular velocity, and exact control can be performed.

[0158] In invention of claim 10, an accelerometer detects the acceleration of the roll direction of a hull, and the tilt angle of a hull can be computed based on this acceleration, it can consider as a roll include angle, and exact control can be performed.

[0159] In invention of claim 11, an inclinometer can detect the tilt angle of the roll direction of a hull, it can consider as a roll include angle, and exact control can be performed.

[0160] In invention of claim 12, a magnetometric sensor detects the relative bearing of a hull, this is outputted as a yaw include angle, and exact control can be performed.

[0161] It is possible to correspond, also when control of a trim tab can be changed to automatic and hand control at arbitration, and can be performed in invention of claim 13 and automatic control breaks down.

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TECHNICAL FIELD

[Industrial Application] This invention relates to the automatic attitude control equipment of the vessel which controls the include angle of a trim tab automatically in order to stabilize the posture of vessels, such as a motorboat.

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PRIOR ART

[Description of the Prior Art] As automatic attitude control equipment of the conventional vessel, there are some which were shown, for example in JP,3-82697,A and JP,3-114996,A.

[0003] The thing of JP,3-82697,A is a configuration which similarly controls a trim-tab include angle according to the output of a sensor and a roll angle sensor whenever [torque-sensor / which detects the amount of operation /, and pitch angle / which detects the posture of a hull according to the output of the rate sensor which detects vessel speed].

[0004] In JP,3-114996,A, it has composition which similarly controls a trim-tab include angle according to the output of a sensor and a roll angle sensor whenever [pitch angle / which detects the posture of a hull].

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TECHNICAL PROBLEM

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] However, the thing given in JP,3-82697,A did not detect the posture of a hull itself, but determined the include angle of a trim tab uniquely that a bow will not come floating according to vessel speed at the time of abbreviation rectilinear propagation, and since it had become the configuration which controls the include angle of a trim tab so that the heel (heel angle) of a hull might be made to ease according to amounts of control at the time of the reliance rudder operation by the time of revolution, a flank wind, etc., it had caused the following problems.

[0006] ** A heel and rolling cannot be completely prevented at the time of abbreviation rectilinear propagation.

[0007] ** Since it becomes the factor which loses the travelling-figure balance of a ship, it is not effective to control a trim-tab include angle regardless of the posture of the hull before revolution steering and under revolution steering at the time of revolution.

[0008] Moreover, controlling a trim tab in the direction which reduces the inner inclination which is an effective posture for originally resisting a centrifugal force (lateral acceleration) at the time of revolution increases the lateral acceleration which crew feels, and it may give crew sense of incongruity.

[0009] Although a thing given in JP,3-114996,A, on the other hand, also has the composition which detects whenever [pitch-angle], and the roll include angle showing the posture of a ship itself, is the configuration which controls a trim-tab include angle, gives and carries out the comparison operation of whenever [target pitch-angle], and the target roll include angle further, and controls a trim-tab include angle and control of a roll include angle and whenever [pitch-angle] was always performing regardless of the NAV condition of a ship, there were the following problems.

[0010] ** Since yaw include-angle change or rudder angle change of a ship is not detected, revolution steering for course modification will not be able to be detected and it will be controlled in the direction which reduces an inner inclination too at the time of revolution.

[0011] ** Since the agitation angle is always controlled, the load of the actuators (a motor, oil hydraulic cylinder, etc.) which drive a trim tab becomes high.

[0012] Then, this invention aims at offer of the automatic attitude control equipment of the vessel which can double with the NAV condition of a ship and can perform efficient and highly precise attitude control.

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MEANS

[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to solve the above-mentioned technical problem invention of claim 1 The roll angle sensor which outputs a roll include-angle signal according to the roll include angle of a hull, The yaw angle sensor which outputs a yaw include-angle signal according to the yaw include angle of a hull, The rate sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and the trim tab which controls the posture of a hull, the controller which outputs a signal according to the NAV conditions from said sensor, and the driving means which changes the include angle of a trim tab according to the output signal which connects with this controller and is sent from a controller -- since -- it is characterized by becoming.

[0014] The roll angle sensor to which invention of claim 2 outputs a roll include-angle signal according to the roll include angle of a hull, The yaw angle sensor which outputs a yaw include-angle signal according to the yaw include angle of a hull, The rate sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and the trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an include-angle signal according to the drive include angle of a trim tab, It connects with the trim tab which controls the posture of a hull, the controller which outputs a signal according to the NAV conditions from said sensor, and this controller, and is characterized by consisting of a driving means which changes the include angle of a trim tab according to the output signal sent from a controller.

[0015] The trim tab by which invention of claim 3 controls the posture of a hull, and the controller which outputs a signal according to NAV conditions, The driving means which changes the include angle of a trim tab according to the output signal which connects with this controller and is sent from a controller, The roll angle sensor which outputs a roll include-angle signal according to the roll include angle of a hull, The yaw include-angle signal sensor which outputs a yaw include-angle signal according to the yaw include angle of a hull, It consists of a rate sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and a trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an include-angle signal according to the drive include angle of a trim tab. Said controller is characterized by controlling the include angle of said trim tab by said roll include-angle signal and said trim-tab include-angle signal according to a NAV condition while it judges the NAV condition of a ship from said yaw include-angle signal and said speed signal.

[0016] The trim tab by which invention of claim 4 controls the posture of a hull, and the controller which outputs a signal according to NAV conditions, The driving means which changes the include angle of a trim tab according to the output signal which connects with this controller and is sent from a controller, The roll angle sensor which outputs a roll include-angle signal according to the roll include angle of a hull, The yaw angle sensor which outputs a yaw include-angle signal according to the yaw include angle of a hull, It consists of a rate sensor which outputs a speed signal according to vessel speed, and a trim-tab angle sensor which outputs an include-angle signal according to the drive include angle of a trim tab. The rate-of-change count section which said controller considers said yaw include-angle signal as an input, and outputs a yaw angular rate signal, The velocity level judging section which considers a speed signal as an input and outputs a velocity level signal, The average processing section which has the control approach change section which considers said yaw angular rate signal and said velocity level signal as an input, judges a NAV condition, and outputs a control change signal, and equalizes said roll include-angle signal, and outputs a heel include-angle signal, The heel include-angle deflection count section which considers a heel include-angle signal and a heel include-angle desired value signal as an input, and outputs a heel include-angle deflection signal, The tab include-angle desired value count section which considers a heel include-angle deflection signal as an input, and calculates the desired value of a trim-tab include angle, The desired value selection section which has the tab include-angle desired value setting section which has set up the target trim-tab include angle beforehand, chooses tab include-angle desired

value with said control approach change signal further, and outputs tab include-angle desired value, It is characterized by having the output section which considers as an input the tab include-angle deflection signal and tab include-angle deflection signal which consider tab include-angle desired value and a trim-tab include-angle signal as an input, and calculate tab include-angle deflection, and outputs a driving signal.

[0017] invention of claim 5 -- claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, or the automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 4 -- it be -- said controller -- said each sensor signal -- an input -- carry out -- NAV conditions -- respond -- heel include angle control and revolution tense -- a bow -- control be choose whenever [in a relief condition / angle of trim], and it be characterize by output the desired value determined in each control approach.

[0018] Invention of claim 6 is automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 5, and said heel include-angle control judges a NAV condition with said yaw include-angle signal and said speed signal, and is characterized by controlling the include angle of said trim tab by the heel include-angle signal and said trim-tab include-angle signal.

[0019] It is characterized by invention of claim 7 controlling a trim tab to the desired value set up beforehand, when it is automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 5, a NAV condition is judged from said yaw include-angle signal and said speed signal and it is judged as the time of revolution.

[0020] invention of claim 8 -- the automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 5 -- it is -- said bow -- it is characterized by for control judging a NAV condition from said speed signal, and controlling a trim tab to the desired value set up beforehand whenever [in a relief condition / angle-of-trim].

[0021] Invention of claim 9 is claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 8, and said roll include angle detects the angular velocity of the roll direction of a hull with an oscillating gyroscope, and is characterized by integrating with and computing said angular velocity.

[0022] Invention of claim 10 is claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 8, and said roll include angle detects the acceleration of the roll direction of a hull with an accelerometer, and is characterized by computing the tilt angle of said hull based on said acceleration.

[0023] Invention of claim 11 is claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 8, and said roll include angle is characterized by detecting the tilt angle of the roll direction of a hull with an inclinometer.

[0024] Invention of claim 12 is claim 1, claim 2, claim 3, claim 4, claim 5, claim 6, claim 7, and automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 8, and said yaw include angle detects the relative bearing of a hull with a magnetometric sensor, and is characterized by outputting this as a yaw include angle.

[0025] Invention of claim 13 is automatic attitude control equipment of a vessel according to claim 5, has the device which controls said trim tab automatically, and the device driven with hand control, and is characterized by being switchable to arbitration in this automatic and hand control.

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OPERATION

[Function] According to invention of claim 1 of the above-mentioned means, based on the roll include angle of a hull, a yaw include angle, and vessel speed, a driving means can be controlled by the controller and the include angle of a trim tab can be changed.

[0027] According to invention of claim 2, based on the roll include angle of a hull, a yaw include angle, and the include angle of vessel speed and a trim tab, a controller can control a driving means, and the include angle of a trim tab can be changed.

[0028] According to invention of claim 3, from a yaw include-angle signal and a speed signal, the NAV condition of a ship can be judged and the include angle of a trim tab can be controlled by the roll include-angle signal and the trim-tab include-angle signal according to a NAV condition.

[0029] The heel include-angle signal and heel include-angle desired value signal which according to invention of claim 4 inputted the yaw angular rate and the velocity level, judged the NAV condition, and enabled the change of the control approach based on the judgment of this NAV condition, and equalized the roll include-angle signal A target trim-tab include angle is set up beforehand, tab include-angle desired value is further chosen with the control approach change signal, tab angle desired value is outputted, heel include-angle deflection can be calculated, and the desired value of a trim-tab include angle can be calculated by the ability considering this heel include-angle deflection signal as an input, and tab include-angle deflection can be calculated by the ability to input tab include-angle desired value and a trim-tab include-angle signal, and a driving signal can be outputted.

[0030] according to invention of claim 5 -- a NAV condition -- responding -- heel include-angle control and revolution tense -- a bow -- the trim-tab include-angle control in a relief condition can be chosen, and the desired value determined in each control approach can be outputted.

[0031] According to invention of claim 6, from a yaw include-angle signal and a speed signal, a NAV condition can be judged, the include angle of a trim tab can be controlled by the heel include-angle signal and the trim-tab include-angle signal, and heel include-angle control can be performed.

[0032] According to invention of claim 7, when a NAV condition is judged and it is judged as the time of revolution from a yaw include-angle signal and a speed signal, a trim tab can be set as the desired value set up beforehand.

[0033] According to invention of claim 8, a NAV condition can be judged with a speed signal and a trim tab can be controlled to the desired value set up beforehand.

[0034] According to invention of claim 9, a roll include angle can be computed by the ability for an oscillating gyroscope to detect the angular velocity of the roll direction of a hull, and integrate with angular velocity.

[0035] According to invention of claim 10, an accelerometer can detect the acceleration of the roll direction of a hull, the tilt angle of a hull can be computed based on this acceleration, and it can ask for a roll include angle.

[0036] According to invention of claim 11, an inclinometer can detect the tilt angle of the roll direction of a hull, and it can ask for a roll include angle.

[0037] According to invention of claim 12, a magnetometric sensor can detect the relative bearing of a hull and this can be outputted as a yaw include angle.

[0038] According to invention of claim 13, automatic and hand control can be changed to arbitration and a trim tab can be controlled.

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EXAMPLE

[Example] Hereafter, the example of this invention is explained.

[0040] Drawing 1 is the general drawing of a system configuration seen from the hull upper part.

[0041] 1 is a hull, 2 is a handle and he is trying for the turning effort of a handle 2 to rock a screw 5 right and left through a wire 3. Said screw 5 which can give turning effort with an engine 4 is connected to an engine 4. He changes the direction of a thrust and is trying to make it circle in a hull by rocking a screw 5 right and left by rotation of a handle 2.

[0042] The yaw angle sensor 11 which detects the deflection include angle to the longitudinal direction of a bow, the roll angle sensor 12 which detects the agitation angle of the longitudinal direction of a hull, and the rate sensor 15 which detects the rate of a hull are connected to a controller 10. In addition, a roll include angle can detect the angular velocity of the roll direction to a hull with an oscillating gyroscope, and can integrate with and compute said angular velocity. Moreover, it can ask by an accelerometer's detecting the acceleration of the roll direction of a hull and computing the tilt angle of a hull based on this acceleration. Furthermore, it can ask for a roll include angle by detecting the tilt angle of the roll direction of a hull with an inclinometer. A yaw include angle can detect the relative bearing of a hull with a magnetometric sensor, and can output this as a yaw include angle.

[0043] He is trying to input into a controller 10 the yaw include-angle signal omega detected by said yaw angle sensor 11, the roll include-angle signal phi detected by the roll angle sensor 12, and the speed signal upsilon detected by the rate sensor 15, respectively.

[0044] Moreover, the manually-operated switch (14R for right trim tabs, 14L for left trim tabs) for operating manually the transfer switch 13 and trim tabs 6R and 6L which switch whether the angle sensor (16R for right trim tabs, 16L for left trim tabs) which detects the include angle of trim tabs 6R and 6L, and trim tabs 6R and 6L are controlled automatically, or it operates manually is connected to a controller 10.

[0045] Furthermore, the controller 10 is connected with the dc-battery 9 through an electric power switch 17. When an electric power switch 17 is OFF, it has composition which actuation of a controller 10 suspends.

[0046] The controller 10 has connected the output to the driving means which changes the include angle of trim tabs 6R and 6L according to the signal outputted from a controller 10.

[0047] The driving means of the trim tabs 6R and 6L of this example is constituted as follows. An output signal is embraced from a controller 10, and hydraulic motors 8R and 8L are rotated normally and reversed. According to normal rotation of hydraulic motors 8R and 8L and reversal, Cylinders 7R and 7L perform flexible movement. Trim tabs 6R and 6L are made to move up and down by flexible movement of these cylinders 7R and 7L.

[0048] Next, drawing 2 explains the internal configuration of a controller 10.

[0049] A speed signal upsilon is first inputted into a controller 10 from said rate sensor 15, and this speed signal v is sent to the velocity level judging section 20.

[0050] The constant value v1 for judging a NAV condition and v2 (v1 and <v2) are beforehand set as the interior by this velocity level judging section 20. v1 the bow of a ** idling condition and a ship -- it is boundary value with a relief condition. v2 It is the boundary value of a ***** relief condition and a plane condition. This v1 and v2 A value can be set as any value according to the NAV conditions of a ship, or the property of a hull.

[0051] In addition, a property as generally shown in drawing 3 has the relation between vessel speed and an angle of trim.

[0052] In said velocity level judging section 20, the velocity level of a ship is classified into the following three kinds

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by the following judgment type.

[0053]

(1) $v < v_1$ (idling condition)

(2) $v_1 \leq v \leq v_2$ (bow relief condition)

(3) $v_2 < v_1$ (plane condition) -- At the time of the conditions of the 1st formula (1) (1) signal is outputted to the control approach change section 22.

[0054] At the time of the conditions of (2) (2) signals are outputted to the control approach change section 22.

[0055] At the time of the conditions of (3) (3) signals are outputted to the control approach change section 22.

[0056] Moreover, if the yaw include-angle signal ω is inputted into a controller 10 from said yaw angle sensor 11, this yaw include-angle signal ω will be sent to the rate-of-change count section 21.

[0057] Yaw angular rate which is yaw include-angle change for every unit time amount according to the yaw include-angle signal ω inputted in this rate-of-change count section 21 $d\omega/dt$ It calculates. And calculated yaw angular rate $d\omega/dt$ The rate-of-change count section 21 carries out a comparison operation to constant value $\text{Domegao}/dt$ set up beforehand, and chooses an output signal. $\text{Domegao}/dt$ is boundary value the NAV condition of a ship judges the time of current, rectilinear propagation, and revolution to be. this -- The value of $\text{Domegao}/dt$ can be set as any value according to the NAV conditions of a ship, or the property of a hull. (**) $d\omega/dt < \text{Domegao}/dt$ (at the time of rectilinear propagation)

(**) $d\omega/dt \geq \text{Domegao}/dt$ (at the time of revolution) -- 2nd formula (b) At the time of conditions (b) A signal is outputted to the control approach change section 22.

[0058] (b) At the time of ***** (b) A signal is outputted to the control approach change section 22.

[0059] Instruction signal when the velocity level signal from the aforementioned velocity level judging section 20 and the rate-of-change signal from the aforementioned rate-of-change count section 21 are inputted into the control approach change section 22, as shown in drawing 4 in the control approach change section 22 with the combination of the velocity level signal and rate-of-change signal which were inputted (i) - (iii) It determines and outputs to the desired value selection sections 30 and 31.

[0060] Change instruction signal (i) - (iii) (i) Instruction signal changed into the condition of having raised the trim tab to the top

(ii) Instruction signal which changes a trim tab into the condition of having lowered to the bottom

(iii) Instruction signal which performs heel include-angle control

It means.

[0061] Namely, it is a change instruction signal (i) regardless of a judgment at the time of rectilinear propagation [in / when the velocity level of the ship in the 1st formula is judged to be an idling condition / the 2nd formula], and revolution. That is, a trim tab is controlled in the condition of having raised to the top.

[0062] moreover, the velocity level in the 1st formula -- a bow -- when it judges with a relief condition (run state before plane shift), the change instruction signal (ii) 6R and 6L, i.e., trim tabs, is controlled in the condition of having lowered most, regardless of a judgment at the time of the rectilinear propagation in the 2nd formula, and revolution.

[0063] This has the effective control which was mentioned above and which lowers a bow until it shifts to a plane condition like, and rolling control in this condition and heel include-angle control are because there is little effectiveness.

[0064] furthermore, the case where it is judged with the time of rectilinear propagation by the 2nd formula when the velocity level in the 1st formula is judged to be a plane condition -- change instruction signal (iii) namely, the case where heel include-angle control is judged to be the time of operation and revolution -- change instruction signal (i) That is, it controls in the condition of having raised trim tabs 6R and 6L most.

[0065] Thereby, at the time of rectilinear propagation, only a plane condition carries out heel include-angle control, and it controls not to check the heel which is the property which a ship originally has at the time of revolution.

[0066] On the other hand, the roll include-angle signal ϕ is inputted into a controller 10 from the roll angle sensor 12, and this roll include-angle signal ϕ is sent to the average processing section 23.

[0067] In this average processing section 23, from the inputted roll include-angle signal ϕ , the 3rd following formula is calculated and a moving average deviation is calculated. This moving average deviation is set to heel include-angle ϕ_{ha} .

[0068]

[Equation 1]

$$\phi_{ak} = \frac{1}{n'} \sum_{i=k-n'}^k \phi_i \quad \dots \text{第3式}$$

ここで i は $(k - n')$, $(k - n' + 1)$, $(k - n' + 2)$, ..., k

$$(K - (k - n' + n'))$$

As for roll include-angle ϕ_{iak} in i time, ϕ_{iik} shows the heel include angle in k time.

[0069] ϕ_{iak} , i.e., ϕ_{iik} , is n' . It is the average of the value which ****(ed).

[0070] ϕ_i makes a dextroversion oblique position forward to a travelling direction.

[0071] Heel include-angle ϕ_{ia} calculated by the 3rd formula is made into an output signal, and it outputs to the heel-angle deflection count section 25.

[0072] Target heel include-angle signal ϕ_{io} which shows the target heel include angle beforehand set to this heel-angle deflection count section 25 in the desired value decision section 24 in addition to this It has inputted.

[0073] In this heel-angle deflection count section 25, the 4th following formula is calculated and it asks for heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_{ie} .

[0074] $\phi_{ie} = \phi_{ia} - \phi_{io}$ -- A hull makes the clockwise direction forward to a travelling direction here the 4th formula.

[0075] This heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_{ie} is outputted to the tab include-angle desired value count sections 26 and 27.

[0076] In the tab include-angle desired value count section 26, after judging the positive/negative of ϕ_{ie} based on inputted heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_{ie} , the PID operation of the 5th formula is performed and it asks for tab include-angle desired value θ_r of a right trim tab.

[0077]

[Equation 2]

$\phi_e \geq 0$ なら

$$\theta_r = K_p \phi_e + T_D \frac{d}{dt} \phi_e + \frac{1}{T_I} \int \phi_e dt \quad \dots \text{第5式}$$

$\phi_e < 0$ なら

$$\theta_r = 0$$

ここで、 K_p , T_D , T_I は定数である。

After judging the positive/negative of ϕ_{ie} based on inputted heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_{ie} in the tab angle desired value count section 27, the following PID operation of the 6th formula is performed and it is tab angle desired value θ_{el} of left trim-tab 6L. It asks.

[0078]

[Equation 3]

$\phi_e \geq 0$ なら

$$\theta_d = 0$$

$\phi_e < 0$ なら

$$\theta_d = - \left(K_p \phi_e + T_D \frac{d}{dt} \phi_e + \frac{1}{T_I} \int \phi_e dt \right) \quad \dots \text{第6式}$$

ここで、 K_p 、 T_D 、 T_I は定数である。

In addition, the 1st term $K_p \phi_e$ of the 6th formula gives the tab include angle proportional to heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_e to the 5th formula list. That is, the tab include angle of the right or the left is enlarged, so that the absolute value of heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_e is large.

[0079] This 2nd term does not give the tab include angle proportional to the differential value of heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_e , if this differential value is not large, it gives that much big tab include angle, and it is raising the responsibility which decreases the heel include angle of a hull.

[0080] This 3rd term gives the tab include angle proportional to the integral value of heel include-angle deflection signal ϕ_e , and this has given the tab include angle which negates the heel (heel include angle) of the steady hull produced according to the property and external force of a hull.

[0081] Right tab angle desired value θ_{tar} called for here is outputted to the desired value selection section 30.

Moreover, left tab desired value θ_{tal} It is outputted to the desired value selection section 31.

[0082] Explanation to the output signal decision of a right trim tab is given to below. The flow to the output-signal decision of a left trim tab is completely the same as a right trim tab, and explanation is omitted.

[0083] Change instruction signal outputted to the target selection section 30 from the above mentioned control approach change section 22 (i) - (iii) The right tab angle desired value setting section 28 which set up the target tab angle beforehand although tab include-angle desired value θ_{tar} outputted from the right tab include-angle desired value count section 26 was inputted to the target set point θ_1 , and θ_2 It has inputted. Target set point θ_1 It is the set point in the condition of having raised trim-tab 6R most. Target set point θ_2 It is the set point in the condition of having lowered trim-tab 6R most.

[0084] At the desired value selection section 30, it is a change instruction signal (i). - (iii) It corresponds and is desired value θ_{tar} of a right tab include angle, θ_1 , and θ_2 . It chooses. The selection correspondence is as follows.

[0085]

change instruction signal Tab angle desired value (i) The time θ_1 Selection (ii) The time θ_2 Selection (iii) The time θ_{tar} selection -- the right tab include-angle desired value chosen by this -- $\theta_R = \theta_1$ -, θ_2 , or θ_{tar} ** - it carries out.

[0086] Right tab include-angle desired value θ_R chosen in the desired value selection section 30 It is outputted to the right tab angle deflection count section 32.

[0087] Tab angle desired value θ_R inputted into the right tab angle deflection count section 32 Include-angle signal θ_{Ro} detected by trim-tab angle sensor 16R is also inputted into others.

[0088] The 7th following formula is calculated in the right tab angle deflection count section 32, and it is deflection include-angle θ_{ae} . It asks. $\theta_{ae} = \theta_R - \theta_{Ro}$ -- It is θ_{ae} to the 7th formula pan. Positive/negative distinction is performed and it is deviation-angle θ_{ae} . The signal which rises and brings down trim-tab 6R so that it may become zero is determined as follows.

[0089]

thetae When it is forward Down signal (0RD)

thetae When it is negative Rise signal (0RU)

This rise down signal is outputted to the right output section 34.

[0090] In the right output section 34, the change signal and the manual ringing from right manual switch 14R which rise down signal 0RU or 0RD determined in the right tab angle deflection count section 32 is considered as an input, and also consider an on-off signal as an output from a changeover switch 13 are inputted.

[0091] That is, he is trying to change automatic and manual trim-tab control in the right output section 34 with the change signal inputted from a changeover switch 13.

[0092] When a changeover switch 13 is ON, it considers as automatic, and it outputs to hydraulic-motor 8R by making into an output signal rise down signal 0RD or 0RU determined above.

[0093] When a changeover switch 13 is OFF, it considers as hand control, and the rise down signal determined by actuation of right manual switch 14R is outputted to hydraulic-motor 8R as an output of the right output section 34.

[0094] Although control of right trim-tab 6R was explained above, the same is said of the left trim-tab 6L.

[0095] Here, there are little increase of water pressure which starts a ship's bottom since the draft of the stern is deep until it goes into a plane condition in a planing boat, and rolling. Actuation which lowers a bow when right and left take down a trim tab conventionally, since the shift to a plane becomes slow while a bow goes up by subduction of the stern on the other hand in the meantime and a front field of view gets worse is performed, and control of the example of this invention also applies to this.

[0096] On the other hand, in a plane condition, a draft becomes shallow and agitation of a ship becomes active. When rolling is compared with pitching in this condition, the pitching period is usually longer and the direction of rolling is felt sensitively. Moreover, although the effectiveness of lowering the bow which went up too much on the structure, as for the attitude control using a trim tab is expectable, there is no effectiveness of raising the bow which fell too much. Therefore, the attitude control in a plane condition has more effective control of rolling.

[0097] However, since a great quantity of loads will be given to a control actuator, always controlling all rolling does not tend to press down the agitation angle (rolling) of a hull itself, and it controls the average attitude angle (this is called heel angle) by the example of this invention.

[0098] Moreover, about the invalid nature of the rolling control at the time of revolution, although it is as above-mentioned, it uses that the level of the yaw angular rate in each differs at the time of rectilinear propagation and revolution for detection of a revolution condition. That is, if level with a yaw angular rate is exceeded, it can be judged as revolution.

[0099] Next, the control action of the above-mentioned controller 10 is explained based on the flow chart of drawing 9 from drawing 5. In addition, also in this explanation, it carries out about control of right trim-tab 6R, and control of left trim-tab 6L is omitted.

[0100] First, overall control is performed like drawing 5. That is, the change of the control approach is performed in step S1. The change of this control approach is said instruction signal (i). An instruction signal (ii) and instruction signal (iii) It is a change.

[0101] Tab include-angle count is performed at step S2. Tab include-angle count is performed based on detection of said roll angle sensor 12 (drawing 1).

[0102] Desired value selection is performed at step S3. Desired value selection embraces a NAV condition and is tab include-angle thetar, theta 1, and theta 2. It chooses.

[0103] In step S4, tab include-angle deflection count and an output are performed. Tab include-angle deflection count is selected desired value thetaR. It is calculated based on the trim-tab include angle detected by trim-tab angle sensor 16R (drawing 1). An output outputs the signal of a rise or a down to hydraulic-motor 8R so that deflection may be set to 0.

[0104] Next, the detail of step S1 - S4 is explained.

[0105] The change of the control approach of said step S1 is performed by the routine of drawing 6. At step S101, reading of the rate v detected by the rate sensor 15 (drawing 1) is performed first.

[0106] The judgment of a velocity level is performed at step S102. It is (1), as this judgment was performed in the velocity level judging section 20 (drawing 1) and being described above. $v < v_1$ (2) $v_1 \leq v \leq v_2$ (3) It is carried out about $v_2 < v$ and is $v < v_1$. A case is (1) at step S103. Selection of a signal is performed.

[0107] $v_1 \leq v \leq v_2$ A case is (2) at step S104. Selection of a signal is performed.

[0108] v_2 In $<v$, set to step S105 and it is (3). Selection of a signal is performed.

[0109] Subsequently, reading of the yaw include angle ω detected by the yaw angle sensor 11 (drawing 1) in step S106 is performed.

[0110] A judgment of a NAV condition is made at step S107. This decision is performed in the rate-of-change count section 21 (drawing 1), and as described above, it carries out about (b) $d\omega/dt < d\omega_0/dt$ (b) $d\omega/dt \geq d\omega_0/dt$.

[0111] In $d\omega/dt < d\omega_0/dt$, selection of a (b) signal is performed in step S108.

[0112] In $d\omega/dt \geq d\omega_0/dt$, selection of a (b) signal is performed at step S109. If these signal selections are performed, based on these signals, a judgment of a rate and a NAV condition will be made in step S110. This judgment is made like said drawing 4 in the control approach change section 22.

[0113] Namely, (1) And (**) and (1) And (**) and (3) It reaches, in (**), it sets to step S111, and is (i). Selection of a signal is performed.

[0114] (2) And (**) and (2) And in (**), selection of the (ii) signal is performed in step S112.

[0115] (3) And when it is (**), set to step S113 (iii). Selection of a signal is performed.

[0116] These (i) A signal and (ii) signal (iii), The change of the control approach can be judged with a signal. therefore, the step S114 -- setting -- (i) or (ii) -- or (iii) it was chosen -- it changes and a signal is outputted.

[0117] Next, tab include-angle count of step S2 of said drawing 5 is performed by the routine of drawing 7 . In step S201, reading of detection roll angle ϕ is performed first. This reading is based on detection of said roll angle sensor 12 (drawing 1).

[0118] Subsequently, count of moving average deviation ϕ_{ia} is performed in step S202. This average processing is performed in the average processing section 23 (drawing 1). Moving average deviation ϕ_{ia} is outputted as a heel include angle, as described above.

[0119] It sets to step S203 and is decision target ground ϕ_{io} . Read in is performed. This decision target ground ϕ_{io} It is based on the value beforehand determined in said desired value decision section 24 (drawing 1).

[0120] Heel include-angle deflection count is performed at step S204. This heel include-angle deflection count is performed in the heel include-angle count section 25 (drawing 1), and $\phi_{ie} = \phi_{ia} - \phi_{io}$ is performed.

[0121] At step S205, it is tab include-angle desired value θ_{tar} . Count is performed. This count is performed in the right tab include-angle desired value count section 26 (drawing 1), as described above.

[0122] Next, it sets to step S206 and is tab include-angle θ_{tar} . An output is performed. This output is performed from the right tab include-angle desired value count section 26 to the desired value selection section 30.

[0123] Desired value selection of step S3 of said drawing 5 is performed based on the routine of drawing 8 . This routine is performed by the desired value selection section 30 (drawing 1).

[0124] It is tab include-angle count desired value θ_{tar} at step S301 first. Read in is performed. This desired value θ_{tar} It is based on the output from said desired value count section 26 (drawing 1).

[0125] At step S302, it is the tab include-angle setting desired value θ_1 and θ_2 . Read in is performed. This desired value θ_1 and θ_2 It is based on the output from the right tab include-angle desired value setting section 28 (drawing 1).

[0126] It changes at step S303 and is a signal (i). (ii) (iii), Read in is performed. This read in is based on the output from said control approach change section 22.

[0127] At step S304, it changes and decision of a signal is performed. (i) It sets to step S305 and a case is desired value θ_1 . Selection is performed. In (ii), it sets to step S306 and is desired value θ_2 . Selection is performed. (iii) It sets to step S307 and a case is desired value θ_{tar} . Selection is performed. The these-chosen desired value θ_1 , θ_2 , and θ_{tar} Either is desired value θ_{tar} . It carries out and is outputted in step S308. This output is performed from said desired value selection section 30 to the right tab include-angle deflection count section 32.

[0128] The tab include-angle deflection count output of step S4 of said drawing 5 is performed by the routine of drawing 9 . This routine is performed by said right tab include-angle deflection count section 32 and the right output section 34.

[0129] The desired value θ_1 first chosen in step S401, θ_2 , and θ_{tar} Read in is performed. This read in is based on the output from the desired value selection section 30 (drawing 1).

[0130] At step S402, read in of detected trim-tab angle θ_{RO} is performed. This read in is based on the output from said trim-tab angle sensor 16R (drawing 1).

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[0131] Tab angle deflection count is performed at step S403. This count performs $\theta_{\text{tab}} = \theta_{\text{R}} - \theta_{\text{RO}}$.

[0132] Subsequently, it sets to step 404 and is θ_{tab} . A positive/negative judging is performed. θ_{tab} When it is forward, the output of the down signal ORD is performed in step S405. θ_{tab} When it is negative, the rise signal ORU is outputted in step S406. Said hydraulic-motor 8R drives and a trim-tab angle is controlled by this output at a down or rise side.

[0133] And decision of being $\theta_{\text{tab}} = 0$ is performed in step S407, and control will be ended if set to 0.

[0134] Thus, according to the NAV condition of a ship, trim tabs 6R and 6L can be controlled, and an efficient and highly precise posture system can be performed automatically. Moreover, the load of hydraulic motors 8L and 8R can be made into min, and endurance and dependability can be improved.

[0135] An example of the effectiveness by the above-mentioned example of this invention is shown in drawing 10.

[0136] Drawing 10 (a) The heel include-angle depressor effect in every rate of a ship in the condition of having received the flank wind at the time of rectilinear propagation is shown.

[0137] In control according [the continuous line in drawing] to this invention example, in not controlling, a broken line shows the case where a two-dot chain line performs rolling control over the whole region, respectively.

[0138] It turns out to disturbance, such as a flank wind, that this invention example has very effective heel include-angle depressor effect so that clearly from these.

[0139] Moreover, since it is small, not in extent as which human being senses displeasure but in this field, the control effectiveness is known by that it is few, as the inclination in the field in front of non-controlled heel include-angle play NINGU was described above.

[0140] Drawing 10 (b) The trim depressor effect by this invention is shown similarly. In control according [the continuous line in drawing] to this invention, in not controlling, a broken line shows the case where a two-dot chain line performs pitching control over the whole region, respectively.

[0141] the bow according to the trim inhibitory control before play NINGU by this invention example so that clearly from these -- it turns out well the relief prevention effectiveness is not only acquired, but that trim depressor effect continues after play NINGU which is trim control sheep regulatory region.

[0142] Moreover, even if it performs trim inhibitory control in a low-speed area and the maximum high-speed region, effectiveness is well known by that it is small.

[0143] As mentioned above, although the configuration of the above-mentioned example, control logic, an operation, and effectiveness were explained, this invention is not limited to the configuration and control logic of the above-mentioned example.

[0144] For example, it is a correction term for raising control precision about each 2nd term and each 3rd term in the 5th formula and the 6th formula, and it is also possible to omit one of these or both sides.

[0145] Moreover, it sets in the tab angle deflection count sections 32 and 33, and is deflection include-angle θ_{tab} by the 7th formula. Although the rise down signal of a trim tab is outputted and driven in the output sections 34 and 35 after asking, it is also possible to drive a trim tab with the tab angle desired value itself chosen in the desired value selection sections 30 and 31.

[0146] In this case, the tab angle deflection count sections 32 and 33 and the trim-tab angle sensors 16R and 16L become omissible.

[0147] Moreover, in this configuration, a comparison operation with the roll angle after control is performed, and it cannot be overemphasized that feedback of the deflection by study etc. is possible.

[0148] It cannot be overemphasized that you may be the object which will not be limited to the object of a proper if said control is possible, and has two or more functions by one also about each sensor in an example.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is the structure-of-a-system Fig. which looked at the hull which applied the example of this invention from the upper part.

[Drawing 2] It is the block diagram of the controller concerning one example of this invention.

[Drawing 3] It is the graph which shows the general relation between the vessel speed of a ship, and whenever [angle-of-trim].

[Drawing 4] It is the graph showing the control pattern concerning one example of this invention.

[Drawing 5] It is an overall flow chart concerning one example of this invention.

[Drawing 6] It is a flow chart concerning the change of the control approach.

[Drawing 7] It is a flow chart concerning tab include-angle count.

[Drawing 8] It is a flow chart concerning desired value selection.

[Drawing 9] It is a flow chart concerning a tab include-angle deflection count output.

[Drawing 10] It is the graph which takes effect.

[Description of Notations]

- 1 Hull
- 2 Handle
- 3 Wire
- 4 Engine
- 5 Screw
- 6R, 6L Trim tab
- 7R, 7L Cylinder (driving means)
- 8R, 8L Hydraulic motor (driving means)
- 10 Controller
- 11 Yaw Angle Sensor
- 12 Roll Angle Sensor
- 13 Transfer Switch
- 14R, 14L Trim-tab manually-operated switch
- 15 Rate Sensor
- 16R, 16L Trim-tab angle sensor

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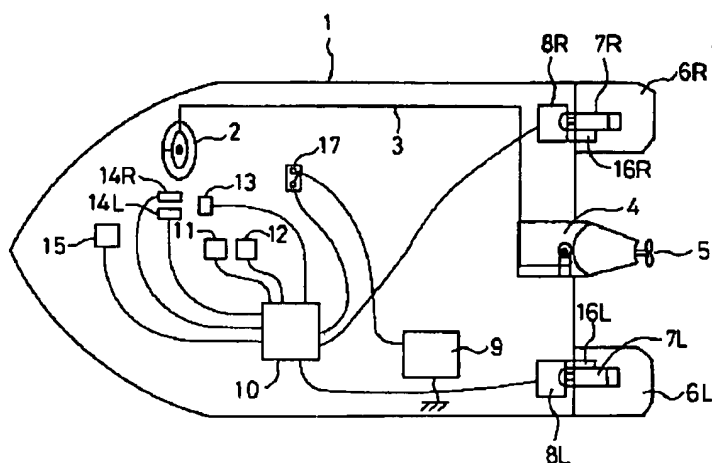
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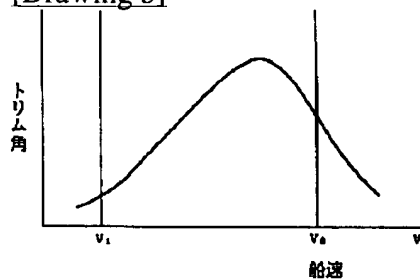
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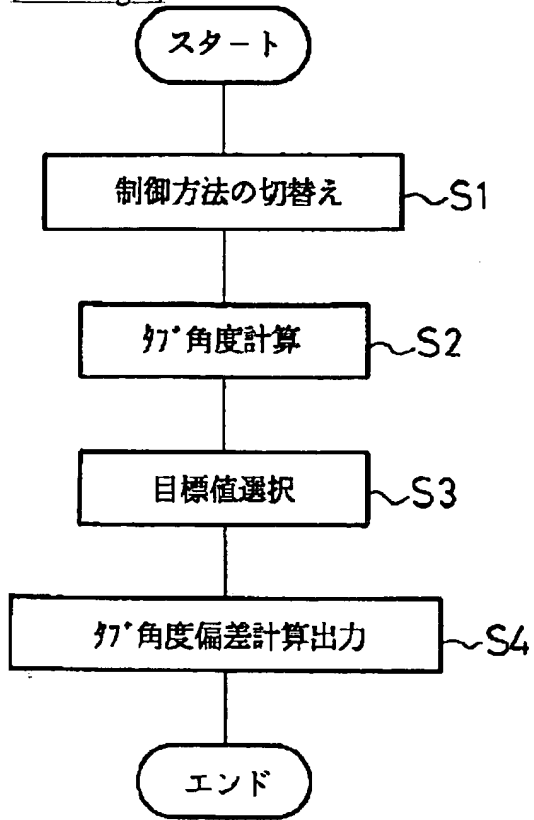
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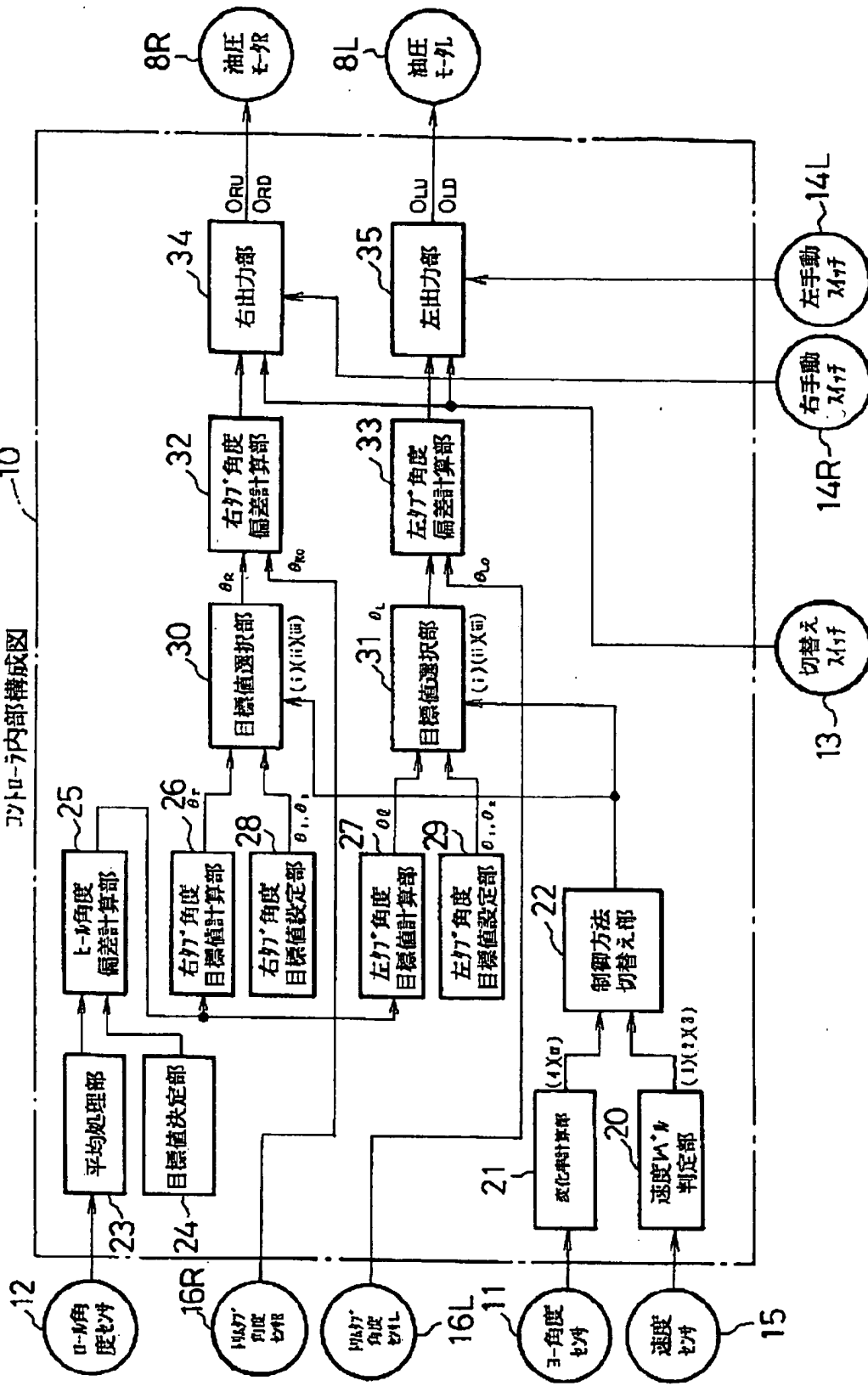
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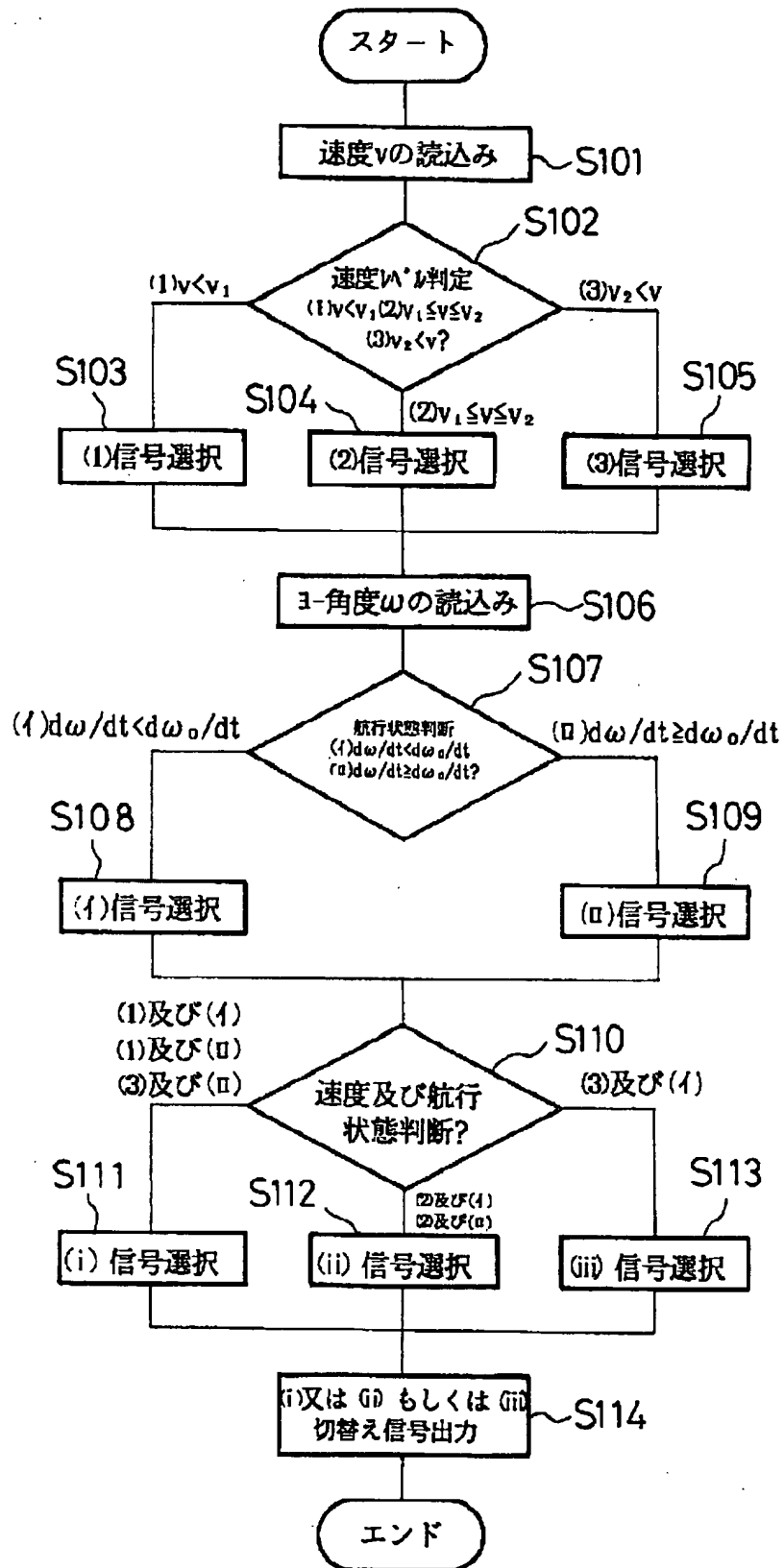
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[Drawing 6]

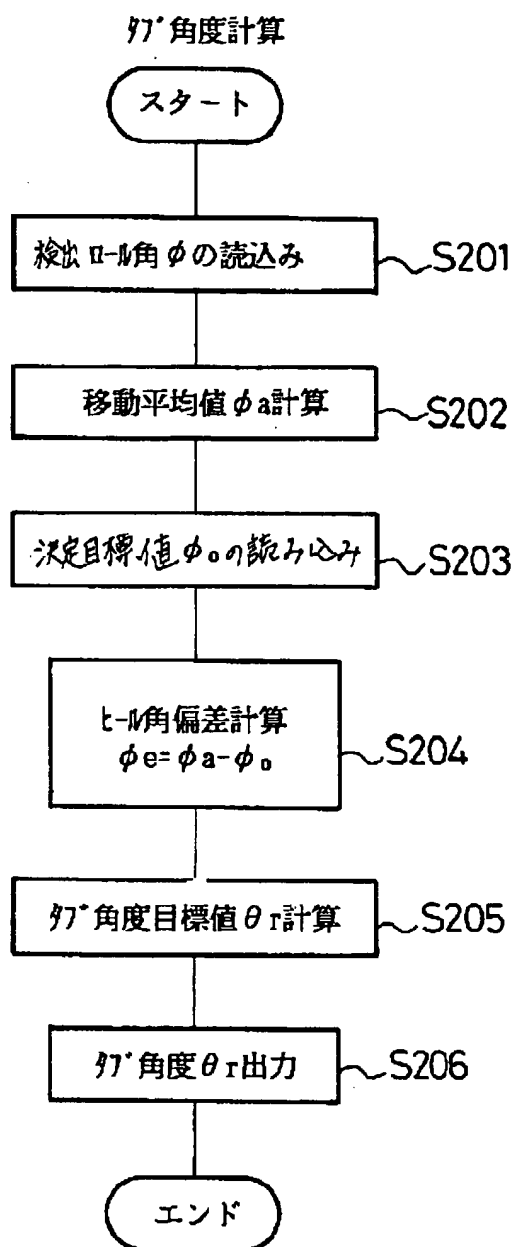
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[Drawing 7]

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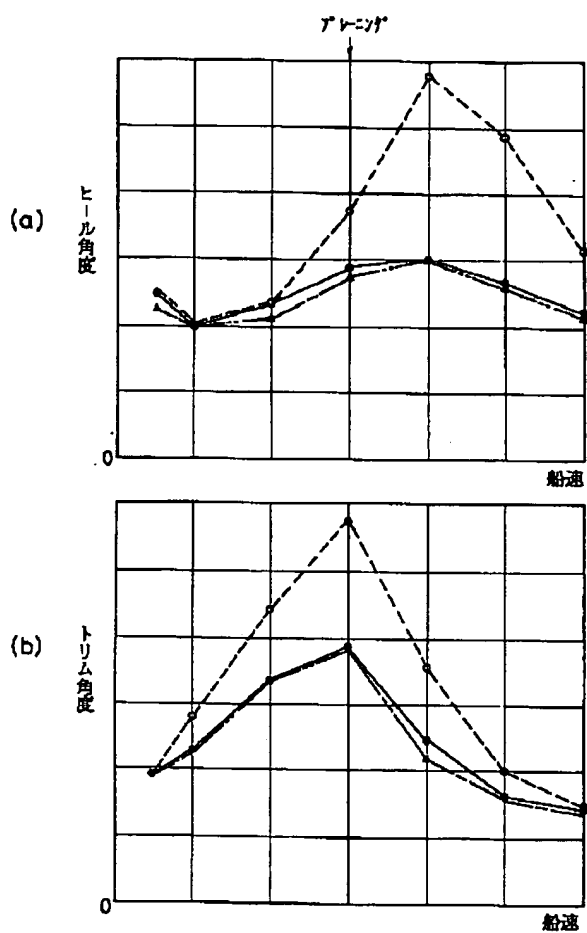
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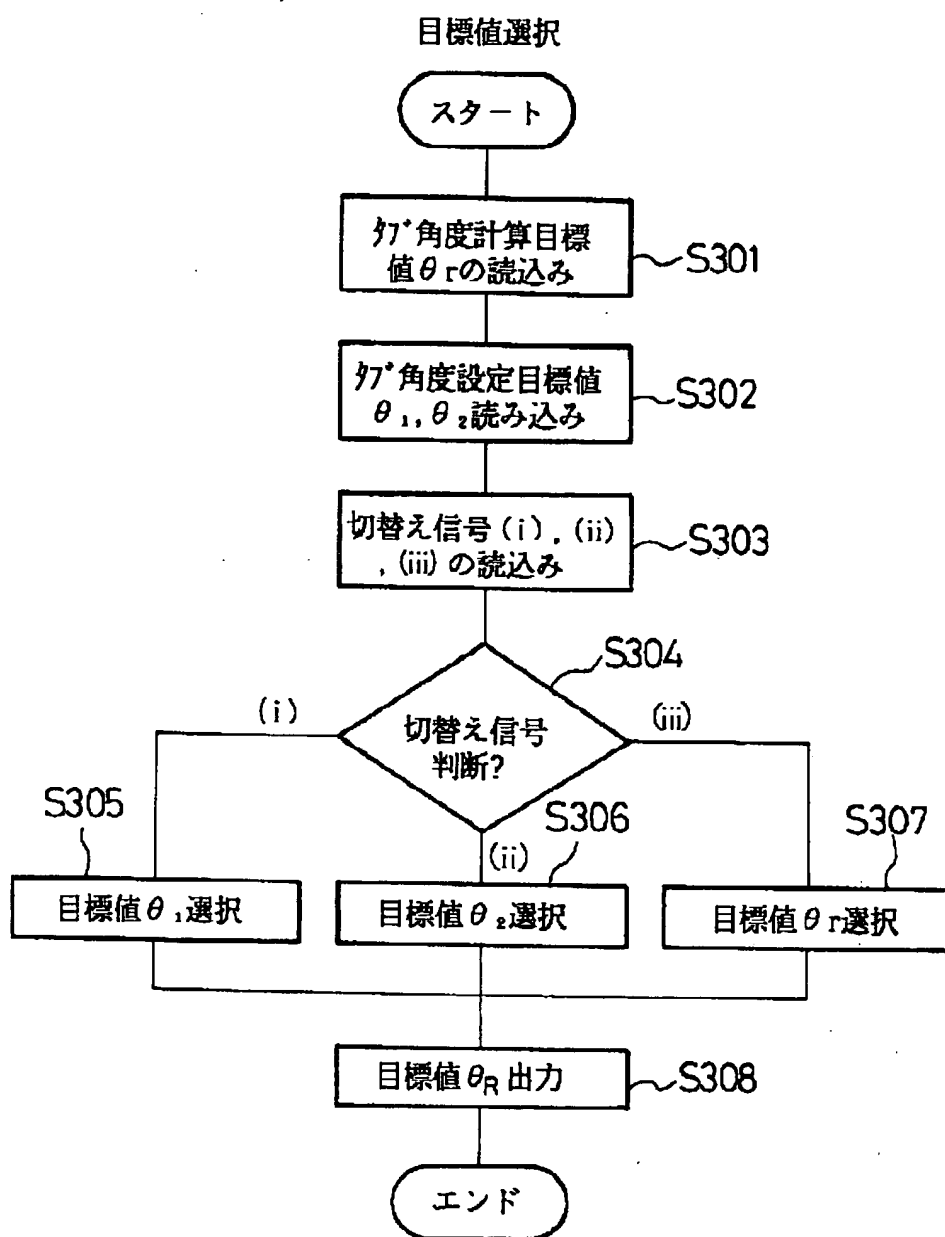
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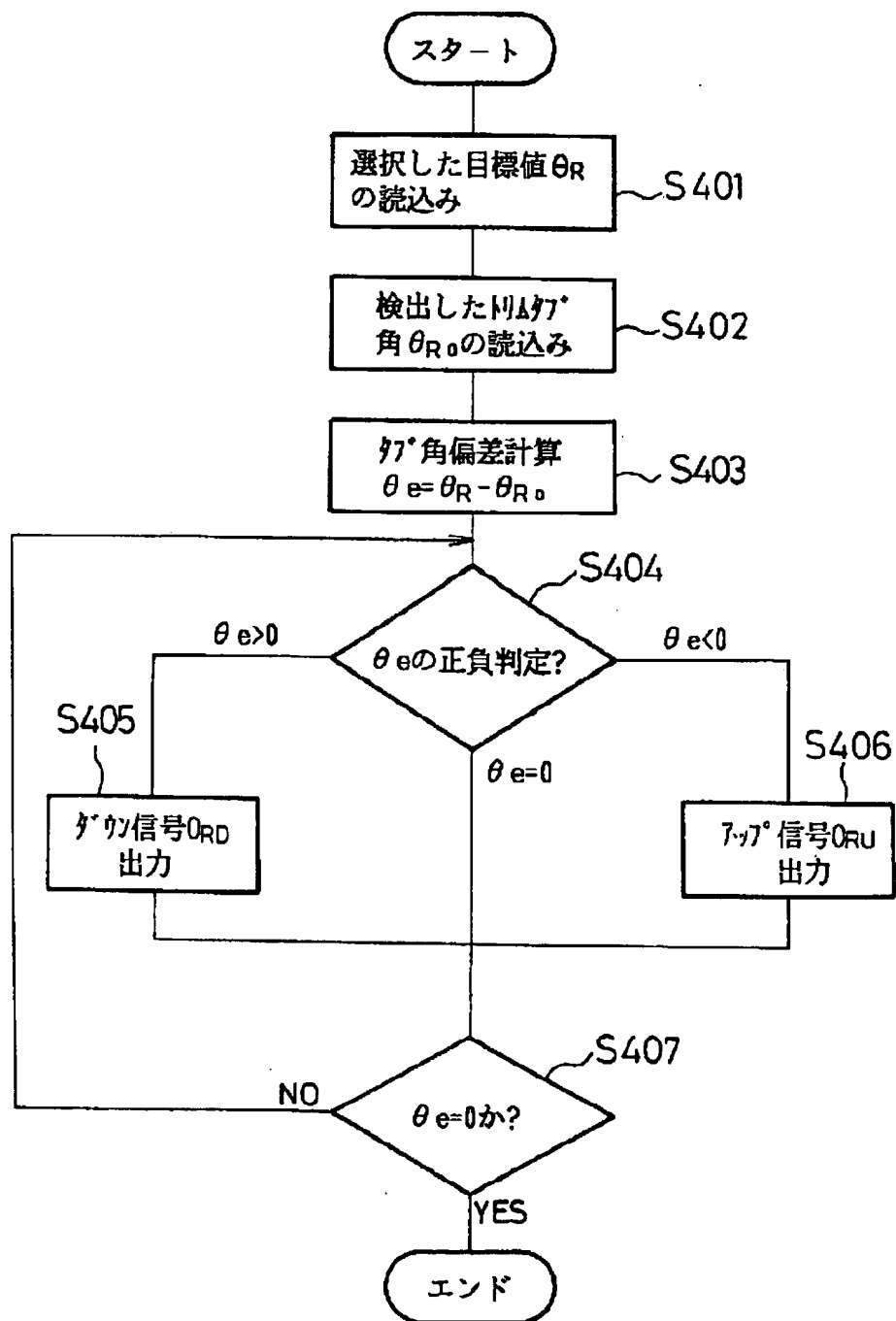


[Drawing 8]



[Drawing 9]

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